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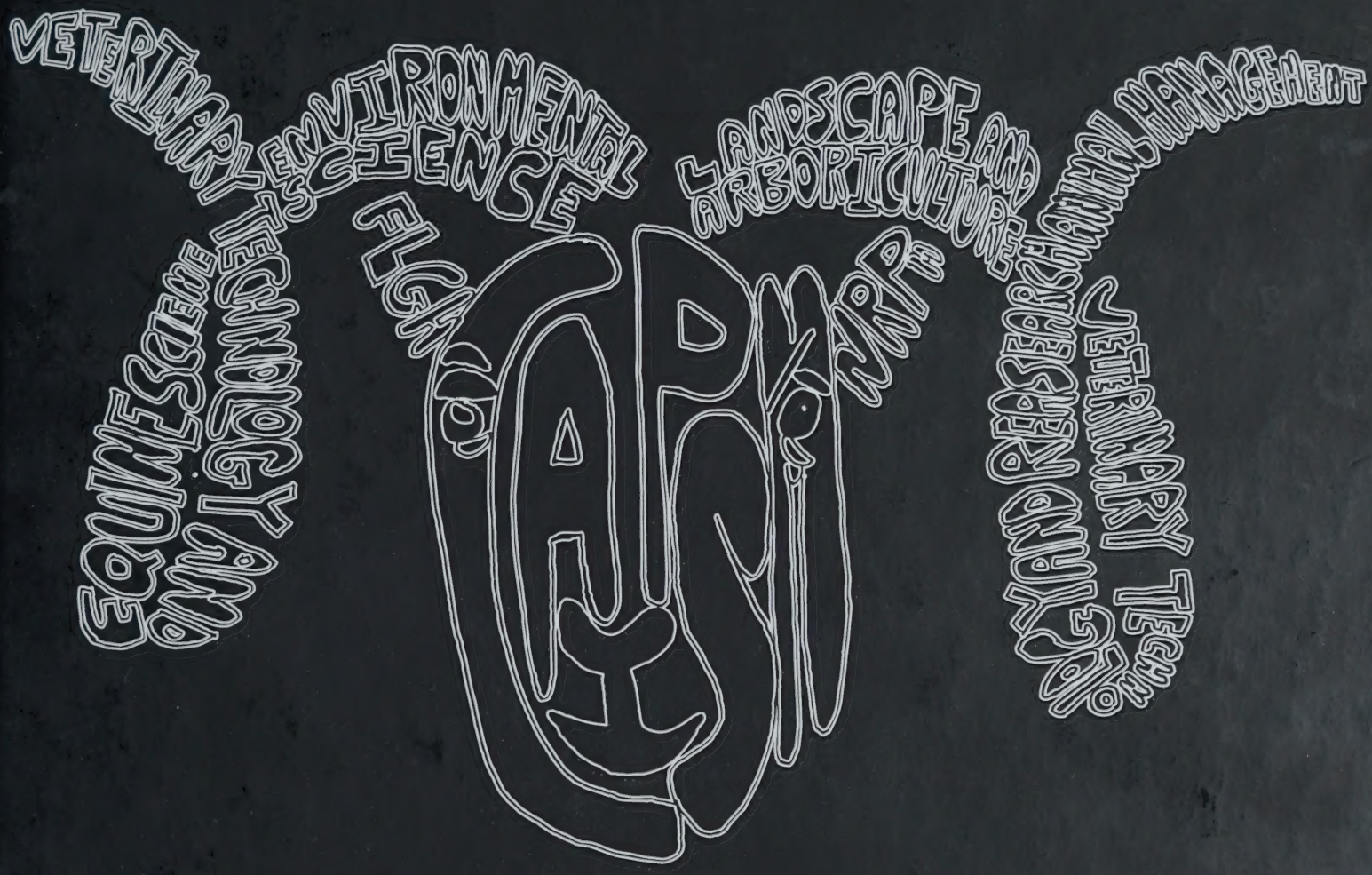

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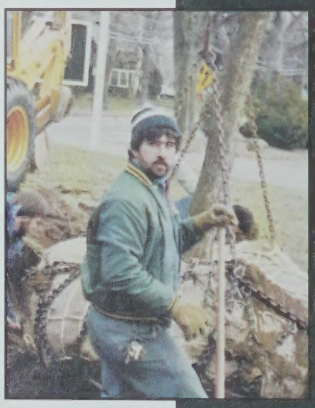
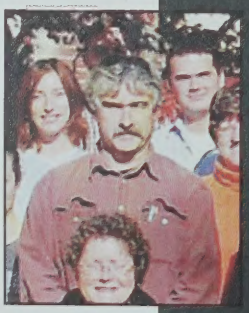
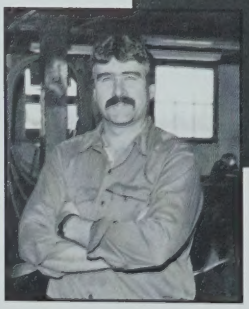
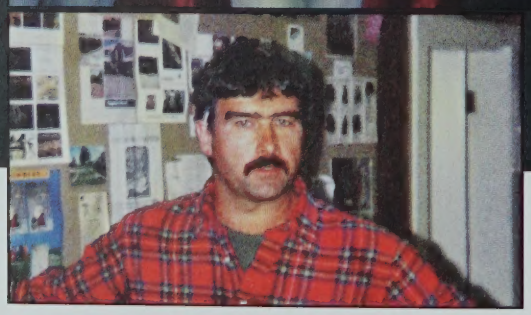
Dedication

The Class of 2010 proudly dedicates its yearbook to Mr. Gene Demsey. Mr. Demsey is the epitome of what Essex Aggie represents, the excellence of agricultural education. He has served our school community for 31 years, first as a plant science teacher, then as department head, next as vice principal, and finally as our principal. He has touched the lives of many teachers and students and the mark that he leaves behind will be forever implanted in the Essex Aggie community. We wish him the very best in his retirement, where we know he will continue to contribute to and impact many aspects of agriculture in the future.









Class Advisors

First and foremost, congratulations to the class of 2010, you've made it!

It's funny but as your class advisors we seem to remember more moments during these three years chasing you down for fundraising payments than actually providing you with guidance! But alas, here is our chance to provide you with, hopefully, some lasting words of ADVICE!

To say that it has been an interesting experience to serve as your class advisors would be an understatement. This has truly been an unforgettable experience that we will look back on with many entertaining memories.

This class has set the par for several new events here at Essex Aggie. Your class hosted the first ever Groomathon, in which students from Plant Science, Animal Science, and Environmental Science came together to groom over 40 dogs, on the coldest day in March. Your class took part in hosting the first ever Aggie Semi Formal. Last, but certainly not least, your class was the first school on the North Shore to hold their prom at Fenway Park, where we arrived as a class to see our name in lights on the Jumbo Tron. How many other seniors can say that?!

But in all seriousness, your class should be proud of all the accomplishments you have achieved and hurdles you have overcome. Your experiences have prepared you for the next step in life, in which we are confident you will persevere. Whether it is working in the industry, starting your own business, or going off to college, we hope that your time here at the Aggie has shown how much you truly have to offer.

We feel fortunate to be a part of the Aggie community. We can only hope that you will continue to model this appreciation of diverse values and stay true to yourselves.

Now, class of 2010, please do not ever forget, that you are now part of a life long family here at Essex Aggie. Our doors will always be open to you whether it is for advice or a shoulder to cry on. We will always be here for you.

Now some closing words of wisdom, from Eleanor Roosevelt, to guide you on your way. Remember that, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."
And, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

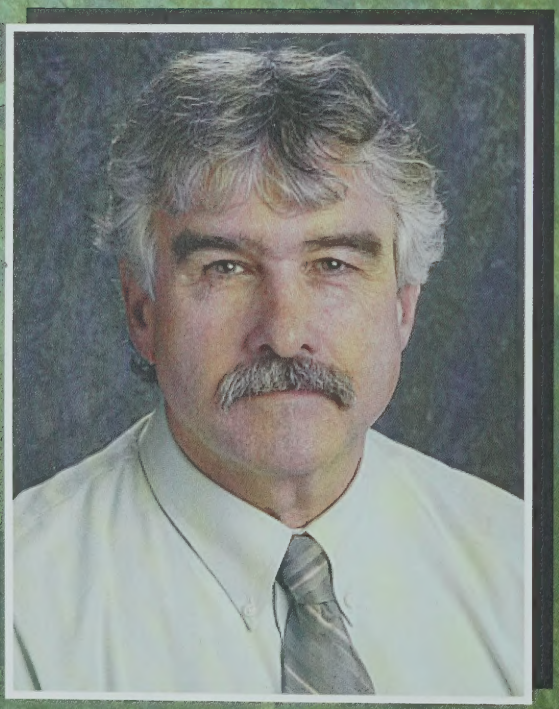
Once again, we would like to congratulate you the class of 2010 and best wishes!

To the Class of 2010,

As the Superintendent-Director of Essex Agricultural and Technical High School, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Class of 2010 on your graduation from this extraordinary high school. During the last four years, you have received a very special educational experience focused on the agricultural and technical sciences. I am very confident that your time at Essex Aggie has prepared you well for whatever career path your future may hold and that you have acquired the academic, agricultural, and technical knowledge and skills to be successful.

Please keep in mind that as an Alumnus you will always be a valued member of the Essex Aggie family. I hope that you come back to visit us often and become active in activities that support our school.
Your futures are bright and full of promise. I wish you much future happiness and success.

Sincerest best wishes,
Roger Bourgeois
Superintendent-Director



Congratulations to the Class of 2010

During your four years at Essex Aggie you have demonstrated an enthusiasm as well as an individual and collective spirit that has made a lasting impression on the faculty and administrators. You have demonstrated that you can work together to solve a problem or stand on your own two feet and do the same. Use the skills that you have acquired at Essex to achieve in any field that you choose. Your success is shared and appreciated by the people who have worked with you. Please continue to share your successes with us.

Do not look at your High School graduation as the end but rather a new beginning. It is the beginning of the portion of your life where you take control of your own education and personal growth. Challenge yourself every step of the journey. It is all in your hands now and if you approach this next phase of your life with the same energy that you brought with you to Essex in the fall of 2006, you will do very well.

Best of luck
Gene N. Demsey
Principal

ear Class of 2010,

will never be able to get used to how amazing Essex Aggie ! One of the biggest reasons this school is so remarkable is ecause of the students who walk the halls, work hard in their asses, and participate in the many after school activities that e have.

t is a pleasure coming to our school everyday seeing all of ou; and trying to help and guide each of you as you prepare r the rest of your lives. I hope that I have succeeded in me way to help on that journey, and that you can look back t your experience at Essex Aggie with fondness and pride.

wish all of you the best of luck, but please remember that I m always here if you need anything. You made a difference my life; I hope that I have made a difference in yours. You ill be missed.

incerely,

r. Dolan
ssistant Principal

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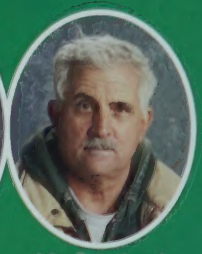
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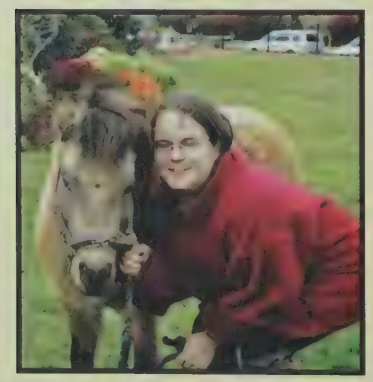
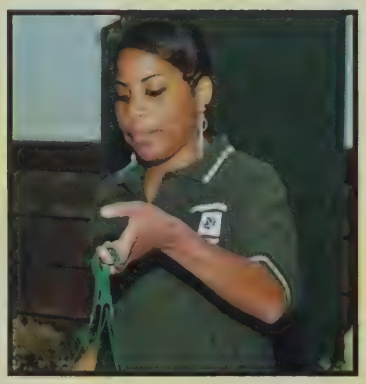

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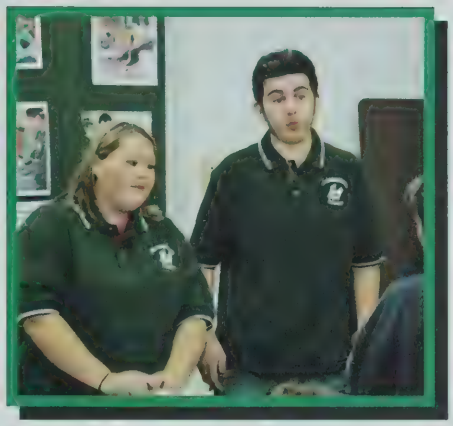

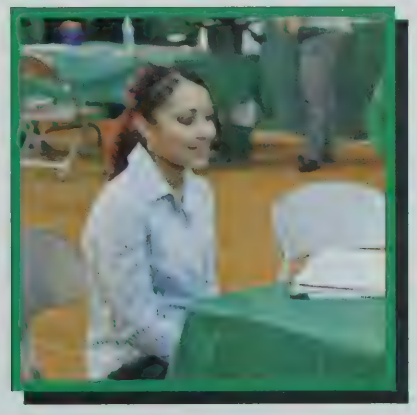

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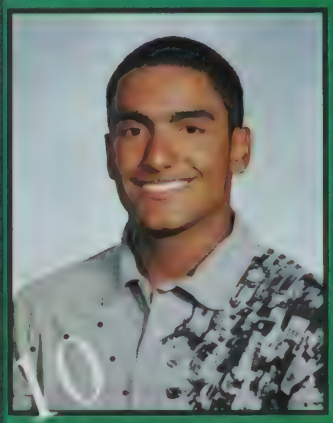
Organizations: Basketball



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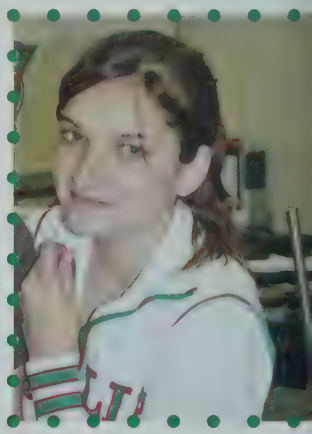

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Major: Floriculture and Greenhouse Management

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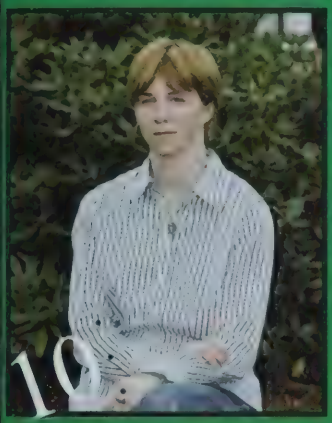

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Major: Veterinary Technology and Equine Science

Organizations: Basketball & Volleyball Captain

Cristal O'Brien

Hometown: Marblehead

Major: Veterinary Technology and Equine Science

Taylor O'Brien

Hometown: Andover

Major: Landscape Arboriculture

Organizations: XC & Horse Judging

Samantha O'Neil

Hometown: Haverhill

Major: Veterinary Technology and Equine Science

Julia O'Neill

Hometown: Lowell

Major: Environmental Science

Kyle Oliva

Hometown: Malden

Major: Veterinary Technology and Equine Science

Organizations: Soccer & Basketball

Jacob Palmer

Hometown: Haverhill

Major: Landscape Arboriculture

Gia Parolisi

Hometown: Haverhill

Major: Veterinary Technology and Research Animal Management

Chelsea Patti

Hometown: Haverhill

Major: Companion Animal and Pet Shop Management

Tyler Pedi

Hometown: Tyngsborough

Major: Companion Animal and Pet Shop Management

Nichole Plumley

Hometown: Revere

Major: Veterinary Technology and Equine Science

Emily Pontes

Hometown: Tewksbury

Major: Veterinary Technology and Equine Science

Organizations: Varsity Soccer, Varsity Basketball, & Varsity Softball

Victoria Provost

Hometown: Rowley

Major: Veterinary Technology and Research Animal Management

Organizations: Science Club, Outdoor Leadership, Class President, FFA, Yearbook, & Lacrosse

Taylor Rhudick

Hometown: Groveland

Major: Environmental Science

Brittany Riley

Hometown: Medford

Major: Veterinary Technology and Research Animal Management

Alejandro Rios

Hometown: Lawrence

Major: Natural Resources and Parks Management

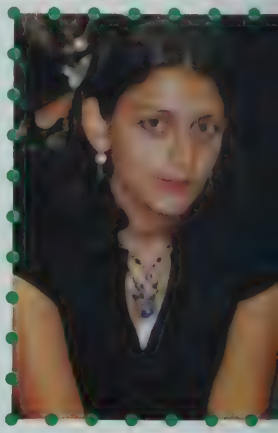
Organizations: FFA Vice President & Ag Sales

David Rivera

Hometown: Peabody

Major: Veterinary Technology and Research Animal Management

Organizations: FFA Secretary, Drama, Peer Leaders, & Ag Sales



Hayley Roberts

Hometown: Gloucester

Major: Veterinary Technology and Equine Science

Organizations: Senior Vice-President, Yearbook, & Art Club

Damaris Rodriguez

Hometown: Lawrence

Major: Floriculture and Greenhouse Management

Stephanie Rudis

Hometown: Haverhill

Major: Veterinary Technology and Research Animal Management

Organizations: Basketball & Softball

Jessica Segal

Hometown: Swampscott

Major: Veterinary Technology and Equine Science

Organizations: FFA & Horse Judging

Ernest Sharpe

Hometown: Lynn

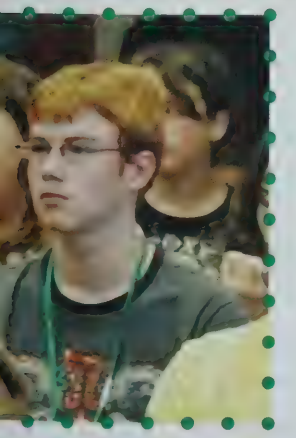
Major: Companion Animal and Pet Shop Management

Katryna Smith

Hometown: Salem

Major: Veterinary Technology and Research Animal Management

Organizations: Varsity Girls Soccer, Basketball Captain, Varsity Softball & NERSAC Representative



Robert Stahley

Hometown: Groveland

Major: Environmental Science

Organizations: Drama, SEA, Art Club, Aggie Unplugged, & Tech Club

Karri Sweeter

Hometown: Peabody

Major: Veterinary Technology and Equine Science

Organizations: GSA, Cheerleading, & FFA

Laura Tarazona

Hometown: Malden

Major: Veterinary Technology and Research Animal Management

Organizations: Volleyball & Outdoor Leadership

Paul Taylor

Hometown: Gloucester

Major: Natural Resources and Parks Management

Organizations: Safe Tractor Driving CDE & FFA

Ashley Torchia

Hometown: Danvers

Major: Floriculture and Greenhouse Management

Brittany Viens

Hometown: Haverhill

Major: Companion Animal and Pet Shop Management

Kaitlyne Wadman

Hometown: Haverhill

Major: Landscape Arboriculture

Shanice Walker

Hometown: Lawrence

Major: Companion Animal and Pet Shop Management

Organizations: Softball, Cheerleading Captain, & Cross Country

Gina White

Hometown: Tewksbury

Major: Companion Animal and Pet Shop Management

Stephanie Williams

Hometown: Amesbury

Major: Veterinary Technology and Equine Science

Alison Woodland

Hometown: Lawrence

Major: Landscape Arboricultural

Organizations: Varsity Cheerleading

Casey Worthington

Hometown: Lynn

Major: Veterinary Technology and Research Animal Management

Organizations: Drama, GSA, FFA, Art Club, & Small Animal CDE

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Natalie King
Joshua Maguire

Wyatt Zagranis

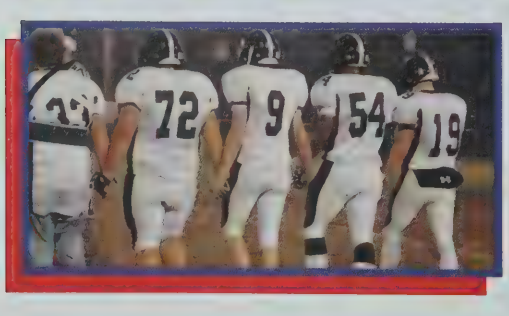
Hometown: Amesbury

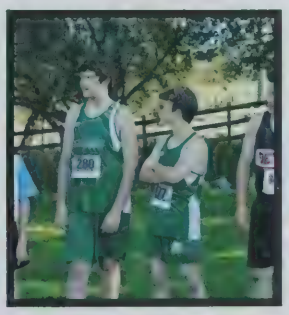
Major: Veterinary Technology and Research Animal Management

Organizations: Science Club & FFA

Hut! Hut! Hike!

Essex Agricultural and Technical High School joined with North Shore Technical High School to fo
the 6-6 Bulldogs! The Bulldogs made it all the way to the Vocational Super bowl.





North Shore Technical High School joined Essex Agricultural and Technical High School to create the 3-7 Rams

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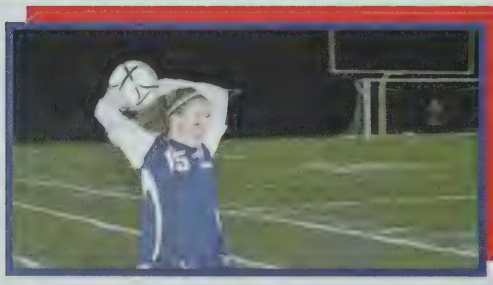
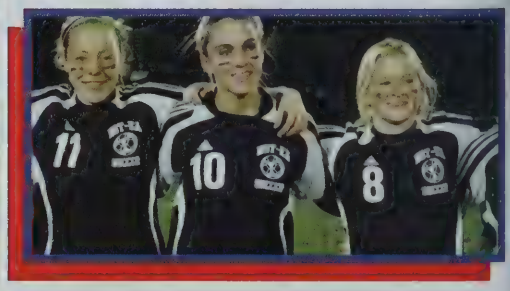
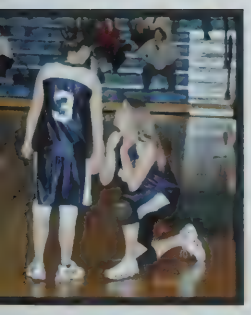
THEM RUN!

Scoring the Goals

Essex Aggie joined North Shore Tech in both girl's and boy's soccer. The girls ended the season with 11 wins, 9 losses and 1 tie. The boys ended their season with 7 wins, 7 losses and 5 ties.

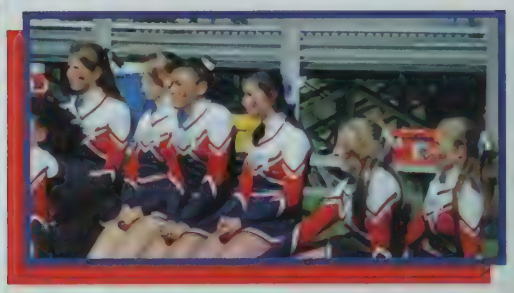






Essex Aggie and North Shore Tech teamed up for girls Junior Varsity and Varsity Volleyball. The team went 4-10.

Bump...Set... ..SPIKE!!

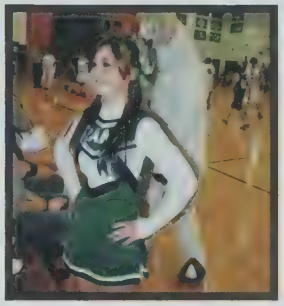


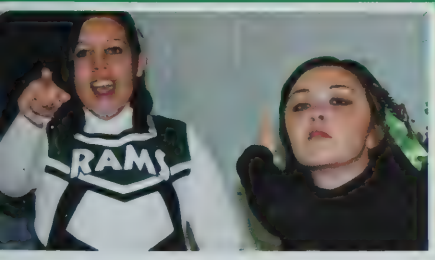
The girls of Essex Aggie joined the girls of North Shore Tech for football cheerleading. The girls also competed in local cheerleading competitions making it all the way to the regional contest!

Bulldogs Lets Go!!

Green, White and Black!!

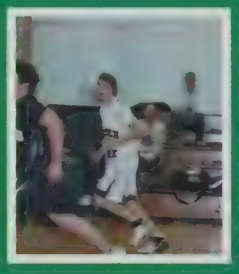
he Essex Aggie Cheerleaders competed in competition for the first time this year d made it all the way to regionals. They also cheered and preformed at the Lady Rams pep rally as well as the Green & White game!

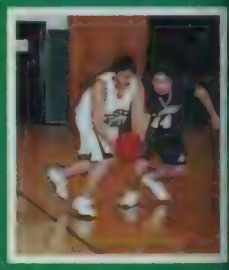




Dribble, pass, shoot, score!

The Essex Aggie boy's basketball team ended with an 8 - 11 record for the season

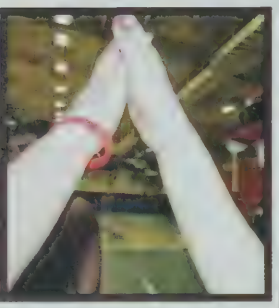


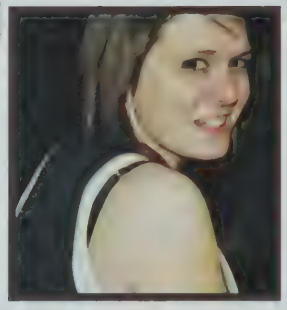


Lady Rams varsity basketball team ended with a 13 - 7 record this season. They also competed in the State Tournament.

Nothing but net!

Ready...Set... GO!!





Essex Aggie and North Shore Tech team up to compete in winter indoor track

Essex Aggie and North Shore Tech combined to become the 2010 League Champ
The Softball Team advanced to the quarter finals of the North Sectionals in the Sta
Tournament

Fly Ball

In it's second year the NST-EA Men's lacrosse team played well and increased the wins for the season!

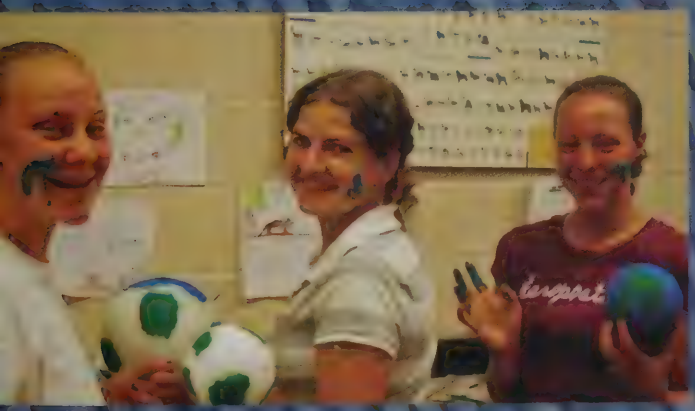
Pain is Temporary -
Pride is forever

Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance!
The 5P's....start embracing them!

Woman's Lacrosse team played well this season in only it's 3rd year in existence. The girls continue to build a strong team.

Essex Chapter FFA

USA



FFA CDE Teams

First Place Individual Ag Sales

Second Place Individual Ag Sales

Second Place Science Fair

Treasurer's Book First Place

First Place Natural Resources and Environmental Science Team

First Place Science Fair

Second Place Individual Creed

First Place Secretary's Book

3rd Place Individual NRES

Proficiency Award, Equine Science

Third Place Science Fair Team

First Place Marketing Team

Second Place Nursery Landscape Team

First Place Ag Sales Team

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Reporter's Book:
Nicole Leslie Silver

Chapter Exhibit:
Nicole Leslie &
Loriann Lane
Silver

Demonstration:
Kristen Godfrey
Lizzie Archer
Julie Sharamitaro
&
Kaitlin Koehler
Silver

Floriculture
Silver Team

Parliamentary
Procedure
2nd Place Team

Public Speaking
Patrick Marshall
Silver
Amanda Beucler
3rd Place

Quiz Bowl I
3rd Place Team

Quiz Bowl II
3rd Place Team

Safe Equipment
Operation
Bronze Team

Safe Tractor Driving
Silver Team

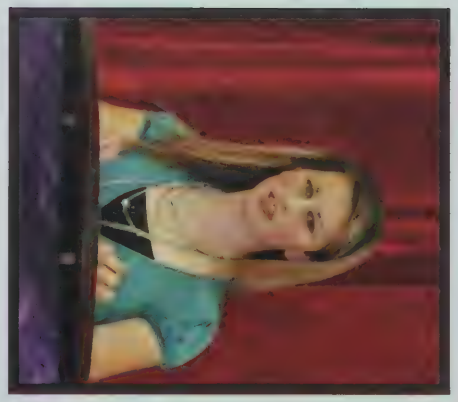
Small Animal
2nd Place Team

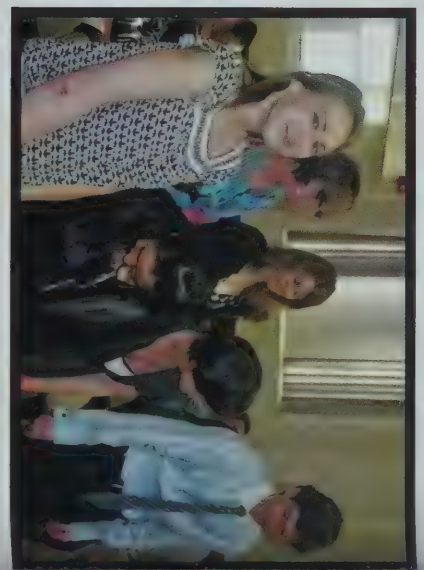
Soil Evaluation
2nd Place Team

Turf
1st Place Team

Horse Judging Team
Third Place

National Technical Honor Society





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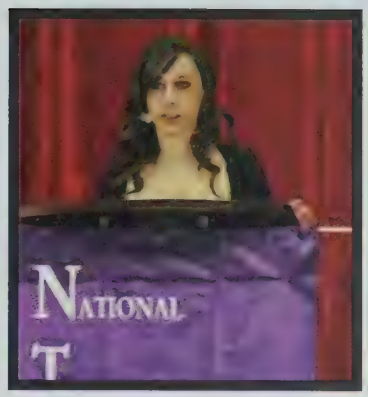
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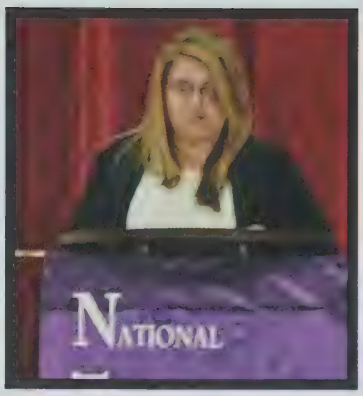
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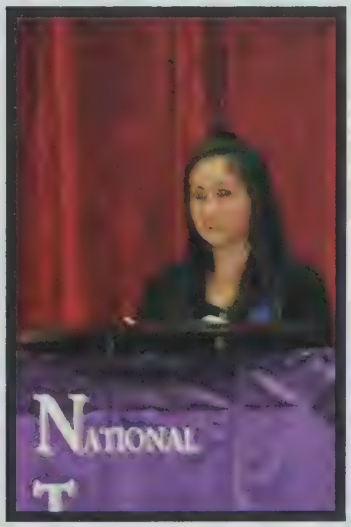
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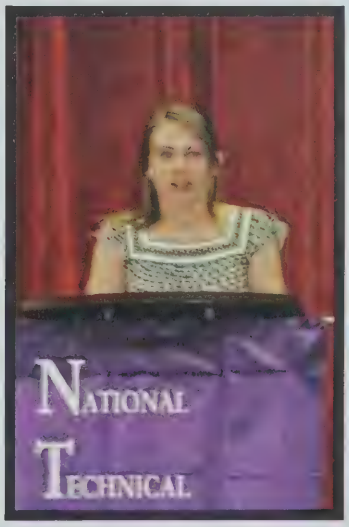
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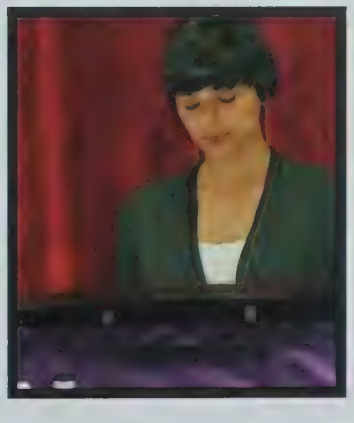


President:
Victoria Provost
Vice President:
Hayley Roberts
Secretary:
Nikkia Iovanna
Treasurer:
Brittany Arsenau

Senior Class Officers 2010

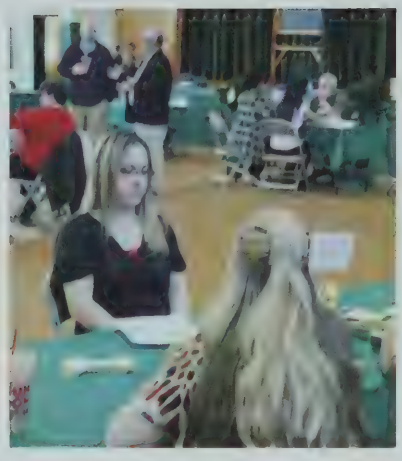
President:
Kayla Kimball
Vice President:
Chris Herman
Secretary:
Tina Leach
Treasurer:
Olivia Cassia

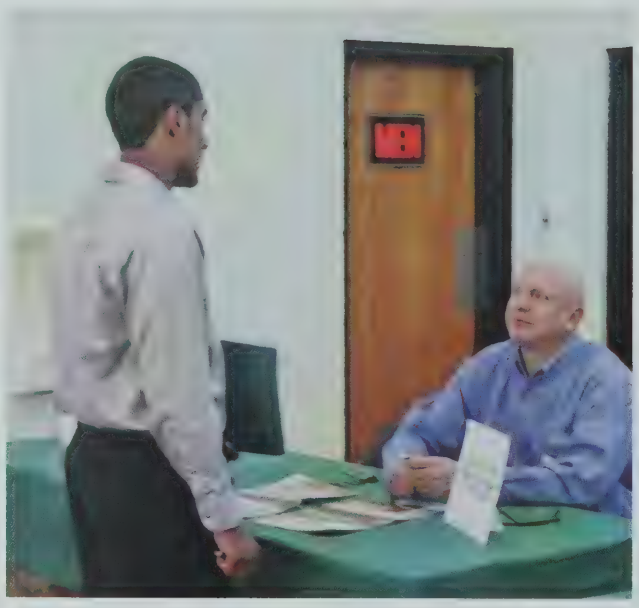
Junior Class Officers 2011

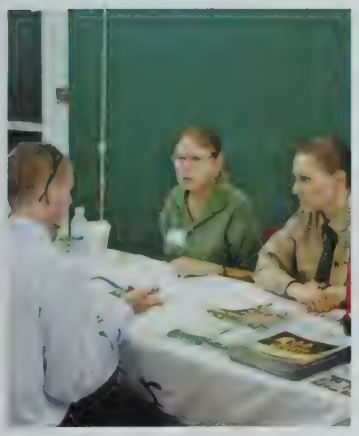
Top "10" reasons you know you go to the Aggie.

10. You can name every plant in the greenhouse.
9. You can drive the tractor better than your car.
8. You can't get lunch without your id card.
7. You can climb a tree with the greatest of ease.
6. You can't make a circle no matter how hard you try.
5. You get in trouble for pressing "the button" before your class gets there.
4. Your first detention is for cow tipping
3. Your school is full of dogs, cats and "gators".
2. You never leave the house without your boots!
1. You are proud to wear green and white!!

Job Fair 2010







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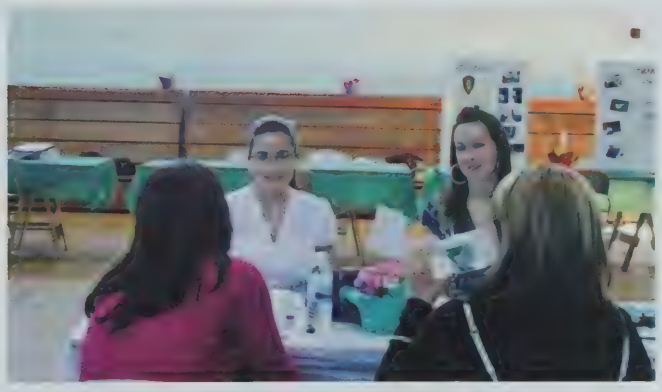
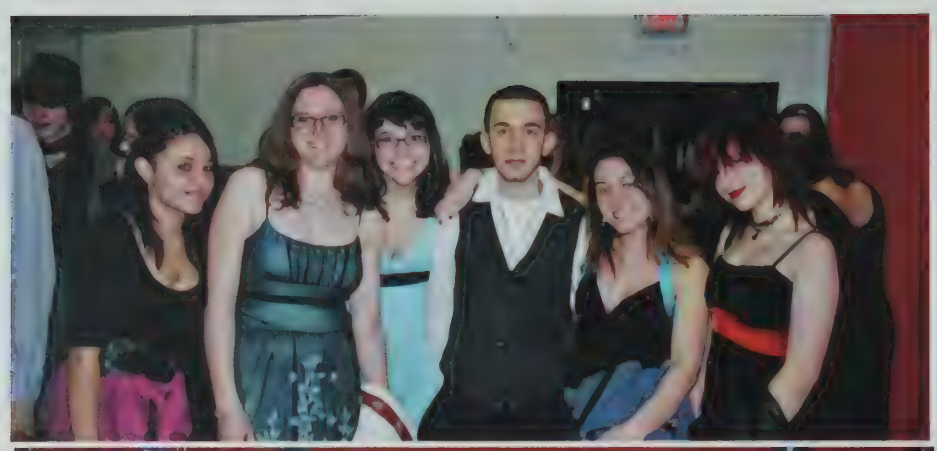
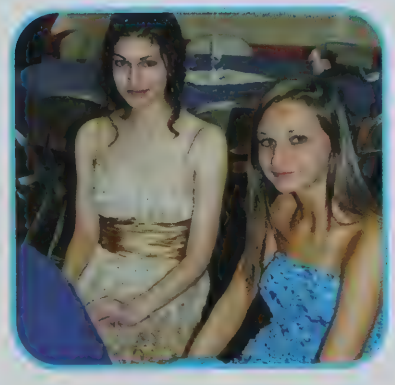




Sophomore and Junio

Formal March 5th 2010

Tonight's gonna be a good night...



REMEMBER WHEN...

steph Rudis sat on a chair in Ms. Smith's class, bent the legs and fell over.
The crossing guard got fired for stealing plants.
I went to get on the horse, swung my leg over and ripped my jeans.
Miranda, Sam, Laura, Brittany and Mariana would sing "Story of a girl" sophomore year in the horse barn and drive Ms. Smith crazy.
Going on nature walks and kicking over trees.
Ms. Grima used the FM to scare Victoria.
The bus on the D.C. trip got in an accident and we had to walk to dinner.
I made the class laugh, for a good 4 years.
Basketball, the burn pile, spirit game, and doing the design at the Topsfield fair.
We went to New England Grows, my first time driving the tractor, going on the ski trip, going to state convention.
We went on the ski trip and wrote and drew pictures on the window.
We had the burn pile sophomore year we cooked steak, bacon and all kinds of food
I put laundry detergent in the dryer.
I started Mardi Gras Friday freshman year.
Wyatt was quiet and we didn't have to deal with his sarcasm.
Ashley Clarke was sent to get 2 large hammers and instead asked Mr. Collins for 2 large cameras.
Ms. Grima was talking about bird reproduction and a group of 8th graders, their parents and Mr. Vercellone walked in.
Alex Dewsnap and Owen Meehl used their binders as sleds down the big hill by the water tower instead of doing their tracking foot print id assignment.
We got to ride bareback and built snowmen.
Emily, Gia, Meaghan and I had a blast at the aquarium and me and Emily ran full speed into each other.
Me and Adam flipped all the desks in Reickert's room.
Sebastian had chicken fingers from lunch in his pocket and did a cartwheel and the all fell out.
We thought the 45 minute classes we had in middle school lasted forever, Yeah, if we only knew then what we know now!
Derek opened the door on the porta potty and there was an old lady in it.
Freshman year I pretended to write on Rob's back with a sharpie and then he brushed white out on my sweatshirt, which I then poured onto him and we had to explain to Miss Moody why we were covered in white out.
Rob sung "Happy Birthday" to Brittney and it wasn't her birthday.
We learned about OSHA with Ms. Grima freshman year.

The Small Animal CDE team went to the Big E and we ended up playing cards with another FFA chapter.
Mr. Reickert joined the hacky sack circle and Mr. King fell down the hill.
Junior year at open house Harley reared up and head butted me and gave me a concussion.
We tried to put pennies up Corey's nose?
We got to play a father son basketball game, and my dad had to play the whole game because me and Rob were on the team.
The dance party in banana suits with Tyler and Colombo.
Ms. Corson tripped over the mounting block and stood up with both hands and yelled, "I'm okay"!
A "horse" tied my shoelaces together freshman year and I fell in a hay pile.
Megan created her own world on the bus.
The girl's varsity basketball team made it to states and the softball team won state vocational championship.
Rudis was obsessed with getting Ebola after we finished reading The Hot Zone.
We tried cooking steak tips at the burn pile, many failed.
Rachel was in Mrs. Verrington's class learning how to use compasses and went through the cow paddock and lost both shoes in the mud.
The football team went from 0-11 to 9-2 junior year.
My Ag Sales team won 2nd place junior year at state convention.
Mr. King went tumbling down the hill backwards and said "don't laugh".
My freshman Ag class needed 1 on 1 counseling.
I was running in the gym and tripped and fell into the wall.
Emily Pontes got clothes lined by running into the volleyball net.
We met Bruce Titus.....OH YES!!
There were crazy 2 hour bus rides with Brittany, Chelsea, Sam, Maria, and Megan!
I would sneeze and the whole school would hear me.
Mia, Kayla, Elaine and I were walking to the library and I slipped and fell on ice, we laughed so much we almost cried!
We put Mrs. Witzig in a lobster trap.
Mr. Grace convinced Victoria that a jackalope was real.
We were in ES class freshman year and got in a water fight with the hose down by the soccer field.
Muriel and Ashley chased Mr. Reickert across the campus.
We went on nature walks with Miss Smith and kicked over trees.
Ms. McKay wouldn't let me go to the bathroom, I was so frustrated and angry...with a cold that I blew a "snot rocket" out of my nose....she never lets me live it down!
We all got so close and could tell each other anything. We made friends we'll have for a lifetime. Class of 2010 for life!!

Superlatives

Aggie Pride
Jamie Goodwin
and
David Rivera

Most changed since freshman year
Meaghan Hovan
and
Chris Baker

Best Laugh
Elaine De'Arce
and
Ernest Sharpe

Best Friends
Sebastian Baglieri
and
Alex Dewsnap

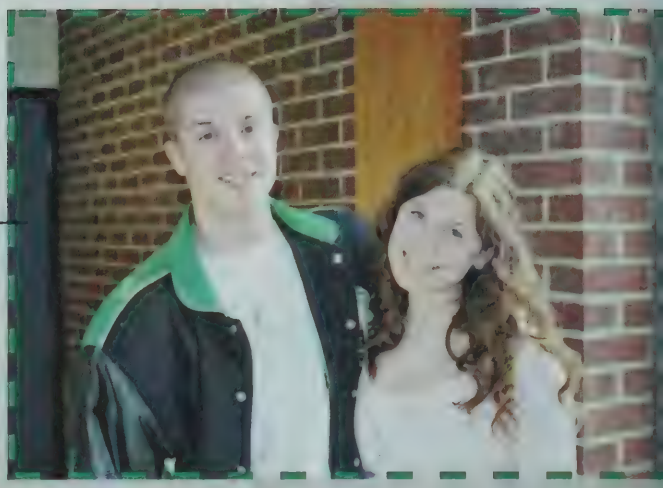
Best Friends
Chelsea Patti
and
Brittany Veins

Most likely to fall asleep
in class
Ashley Martinez
and
Ernest Sharpe

Most likely to become a
Pro Athlete
Emily Pontes
and
Keith Mercurio

Class Clown
Carolyn Maguire
and
Rob Stahley

Most Photogenic
Allison Woodland
and
Keith Mercurio



Most likely to be your boss
Marissa Lanouette
and
Wyatt Zagranis

Best Style
Natalie King
and
David Rivera

Best Eyes
Shaunte Killam
and
Owen Meehl

Best Smile
Nikkia Iovanna
and
Tyler Johnson

Most Talkative
Stephanie Williams
and
Rob Stahley

Mr. Dolan's Best Friends
Emily Bennett
and
Zachary Ford

Most likely to be late to graduation
Taylor O'Brien and David Lane

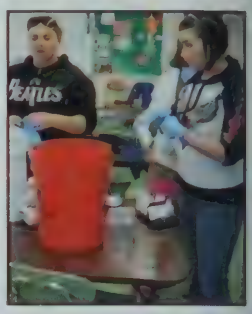
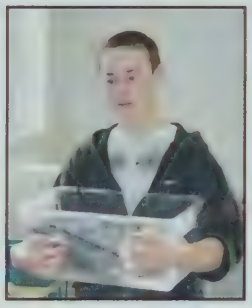
Biggest case of senioritis
Emalee McAneney and David Lane

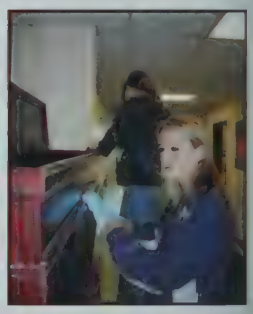
Least changed since freshman year
Brittany Arsenault and Jake Palmer

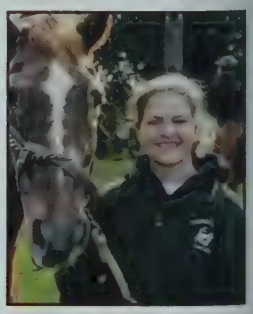
Most outspoken
Emily Pontes and Zachary Ford

Photos not available

Getting our hands dirty





Spring Fling

April 9th 2010

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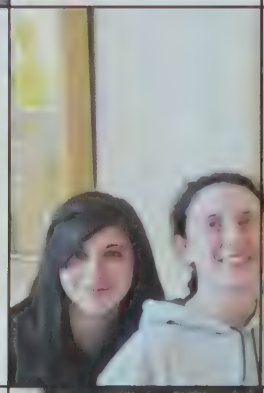

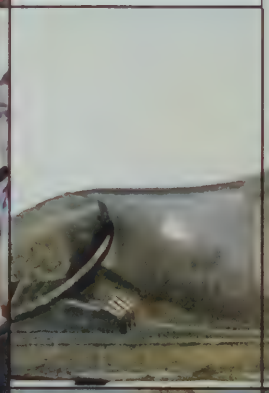
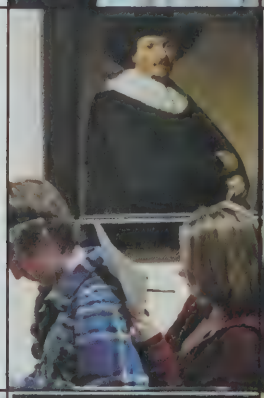

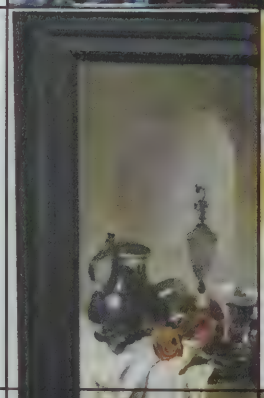
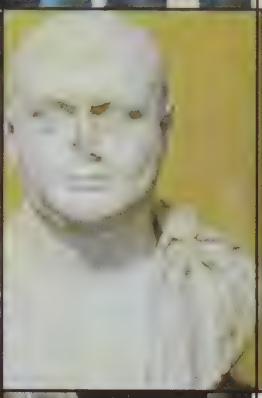

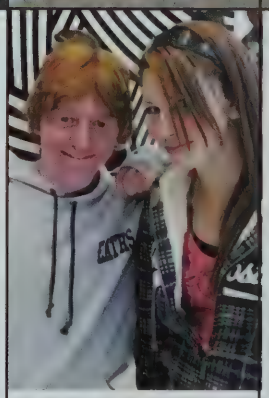

Aggie Majors

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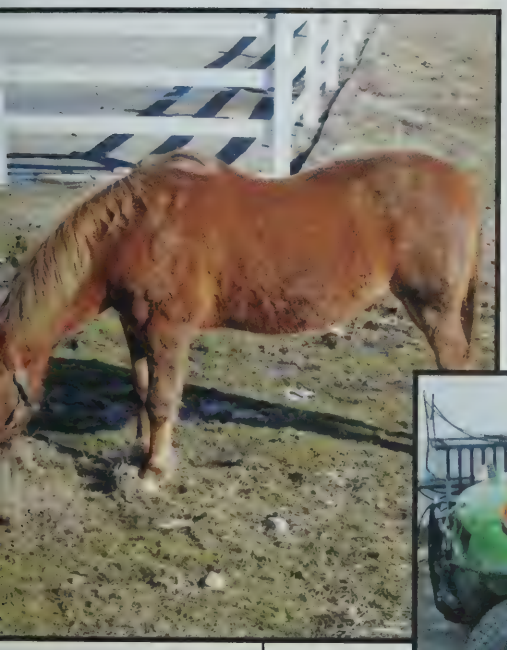
~Environmental Science
~ Floriculture & Greenhouse Management
~ Landscape & Arborculture
~ Natural Resources & Parks Management
~ Vet Tech & Equine Science
~ Vet Tech Research Animal



Animal Science

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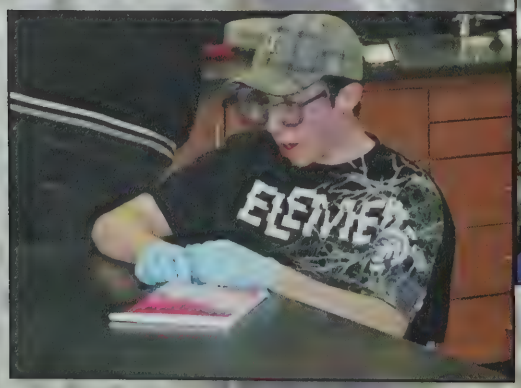

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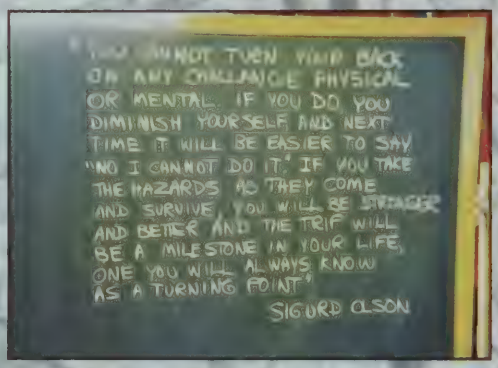
YOU CANNOT TURN WIND BACK
OR ANY CHALLANGE PHYSICAL
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TIME IT WILL BE EASIER TO SAY
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THE HAZARDS AS THEY COME
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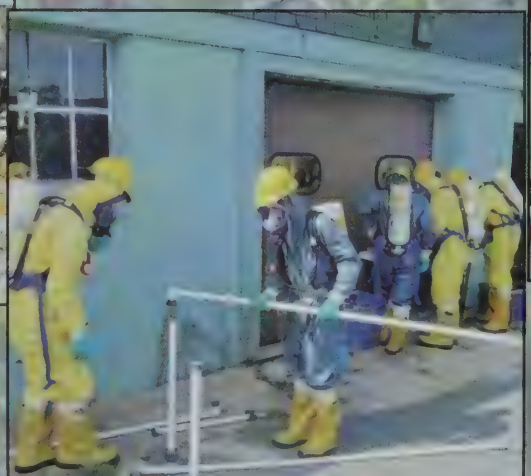
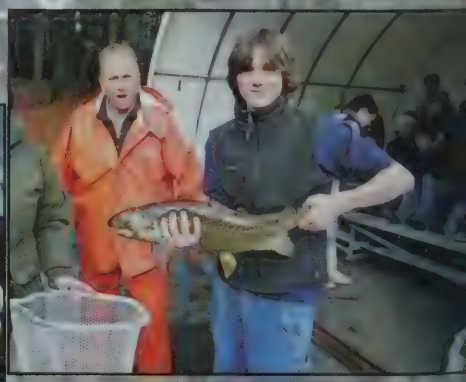
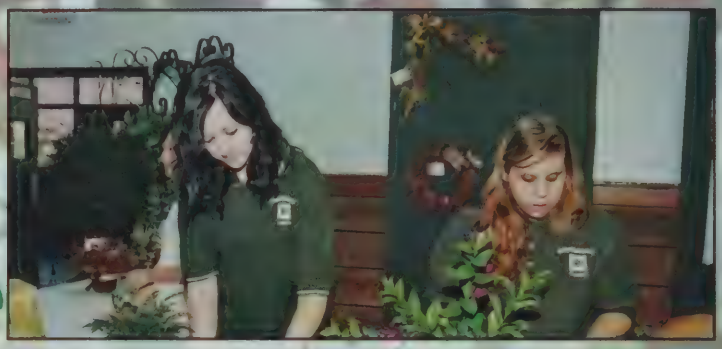
SIGURD OLSON

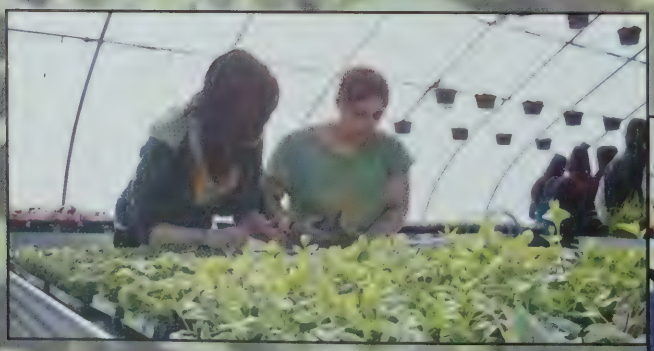


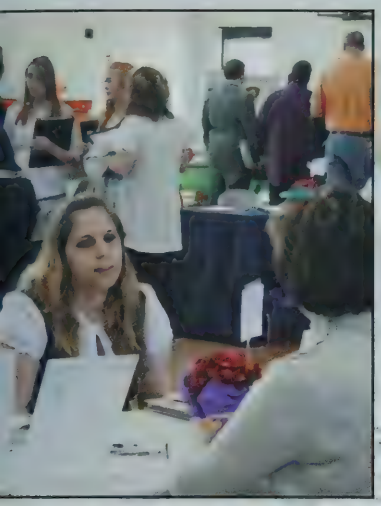


Environmental Science and Technology

Floriculture and Greenhouse Management







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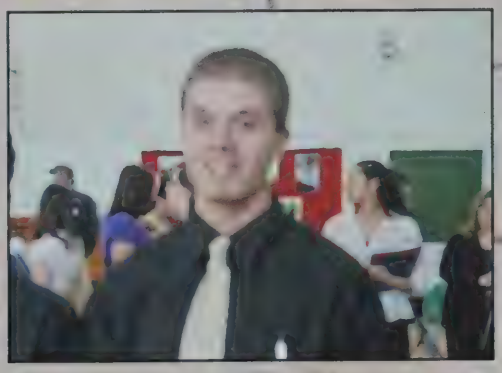

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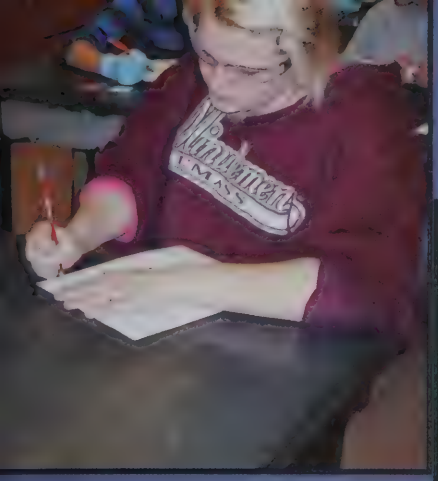

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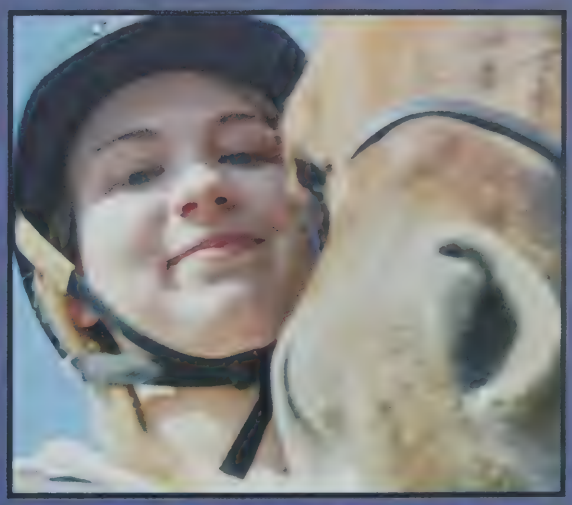
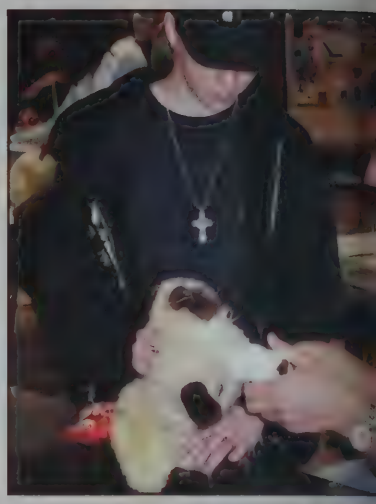
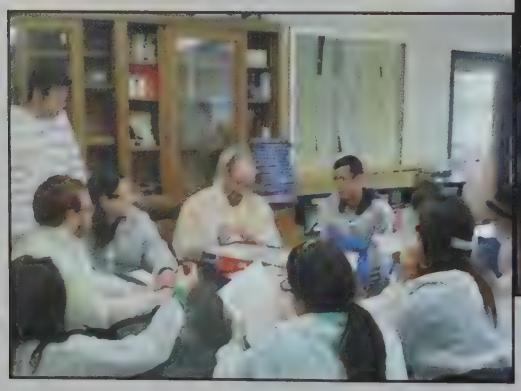






Vet Tech and Research Animal Management

The Last Will and Testament

I, Nikkia Iovanna, leave behind my snake bites to all the teachers that hated them

I, Kelvin Martinez, leave behind my snowball to Ms. Smith for her to enjoy for all of eternity.

I, Chelsea Patti, leave behind all my fun memories that I'll never forget.

I, Gia Parolisi, leave behind the dictionary I never used to do vocabulary to Mr. Reickert.

I, Holly Kendrick, leave behind all of my wonderful memories I had at the school!

I, Brittany Viens, leave behind my good and bad times, moving on with the best close to my heart.

I, Marissa Lanouette, leave behind "the hide Bernard the Rat" game in room 206 to the VTRAM seniors of 2011, which needs to be played with the junior VT classes.

I, Stephanie Rudis, leave behind "Who are we", to freshman Julie.

I, Shanice Walker, leave behind my turkey leg-eating picture to Ms. McKay.

I, Katryna Smith, leave behind Bartholemew (lamb #77), hugs, and best wishes to all underclassmen and incoming freshmen.

I, Damaris Rodriguez, leave behind my favorite teachers and my friends, my second home, the walk to the green house and the animals but I am taking with me memories that have made me a better person.

I, Kaitlyne Wadman, leave behind all the laughs in class with the awkward conversations that the teachers have to stop before it gets too carried away.

I, Jake Palmer, leave behind good memories in Mr. Feeney's class.

I, Megan Hovey, leave behind all the craziness on Mrs. Cook's bus also I leave behind "Megan's World" to who ever sits on the back of Mrs. Cook's bus.

I, David Lane, leave behind all negative aspects of my reputation to my brother.

I, Michelle Capobianco, leave behind my nun chuck skills, bow hunting skills, computer hacking skills to all future students.

I, James Catavolo, leave behind all the great memories and fun times I have had...also all of the clothes and pens I have lost on campus.

I, Elaine De'Arce, leave behind my sneezes, loud laugh and crazy memories with the teachers and future students.

I, Ernest Sharpe, leave behind my annoying craziness on the bus to Rory to carry on and the Dane Cook jokes to Ms. Grima.

I, Mason Morrison, leave behind all my good times with my friends and all my hard work.

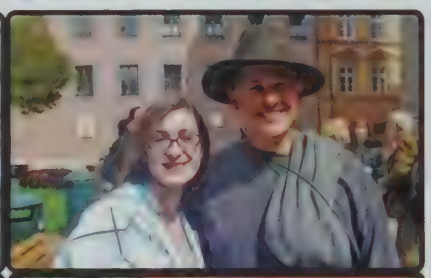
I, Allison Woodland, leave behind all the rocks, boulders, pavers, bricks, blocks, stone dust, logs, branches, leaves, tools, plants, mulch, dirt, and incredibly heavy objects I've had to move...over and over again to all my wonderful Ag teachers who made me do it! Especially Ms. Cyr <3

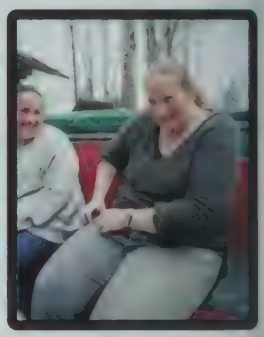
I, Alisha Howarth, leave behind the dogs to the class of 2011 and my most amazing memories to everyone <3.

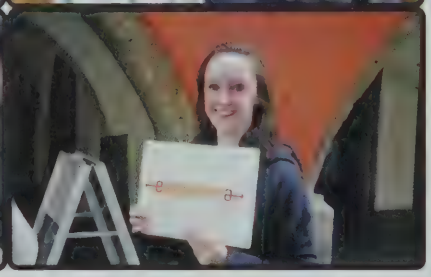
I, Shaunte Killam, leave behind all the early weekend and vacation mornings I woke up to work on the farm crew.

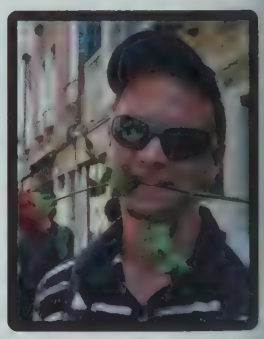
David Rivera, leave behind my scent of Abercrombie & Fitch's FIERCE cologne, now the school can be FIERCE when I am gone.
Maria Moraes, leave behind my handprint in the grooming lab.
Rob Stahley, leave behind my collection of Journey albums to Mr. Pellegrino.
Cami Maguire, leave behind my ability to laugh at absolutely everything.
Adam Bouchard, leave behind my station wagon to Keith Mercurio.
Kyle Oliva, leave behind my accident prone history to Ronnie Donahue.
Keith Mercurio, leave behind whatever anybody wants.
Natalie King, Leave behind my pumps, my lip gloss, my pink bebe top, and JLO status to Ms. McMillan.
Bryan C. Gould, leave behind memories, goofiness, tons of cash, and my school year and the fact that I hope not to see anyone I knew.
Wyatt Zagranis, leave behind, my open space for the new valedictorian and a race to the top GPA. See if you can top the master!
Emily Pontes, leave behind the basketball team to Whitney Comeau.
Zachary Ford, leave behind the most confusing message you will ever read...Platypus.
Ashley Torchia, leave behind my kindness and hugs.
Jared Bragan, leave behind DZ for the next year's seniors to finish, also my Jared shirt.
Taylor O'Brien, leave behind memories, good times, and a case full of senioritis!
Antonio Gonzalez, leave behind all the crazy things I have done to my teachers.
Muriel Christiansen, leave behind my last threads of sanity to those who remain.
Sherry Coleman, leave behind peace, love and side doors to the school!
Jamie Goodwin, leave behind the washing machine I broke
Miranda Michon, leave behind my volleyball and lacrosse number #8 to Grace Mcnally for her upcoming years.
Owen Meehl, leave behind cross country to Princess and Sky.
Timothy Gil, leave behind teaching to the soccer team.
Casey Worthington, leave behind the gingerbread house/burning shack to those of drama...remember ice fishing is good.
Mariana Figueiredo, leave behind my 2 hour bus ride to all the kids from Lowell.
Ashley Clarke, leave behind drama club shenanigans to her insane friends and a much more at peace Mr. Reickert.
Westley Cruz, leave behind the all time season low of -2 points for the Essex Aggie basketball team.
Hayley Roberts, leave behind all of my amazing Aggie memories to everyone that I shared them with.
Emily Bennett, leave behind good times, the craziness and side doors!
Jessica Segal, leave behind my place on the horse evaluation CDE team to the next dedicated team member.
Rachel Eager, leave behind the pink duct tape in the red barn showing where to turn on the lights.
Meaghan Hovan, leave behind the memories of the 2009-2010 girls basketball team to Whitney Comeau, Whitney never forget ok?
Victoria Provost, leave behind my position of Senior Class President to the Senior Class President of 2011

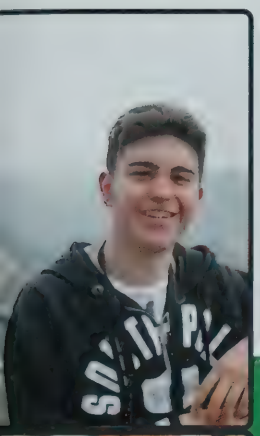
Europe 2010

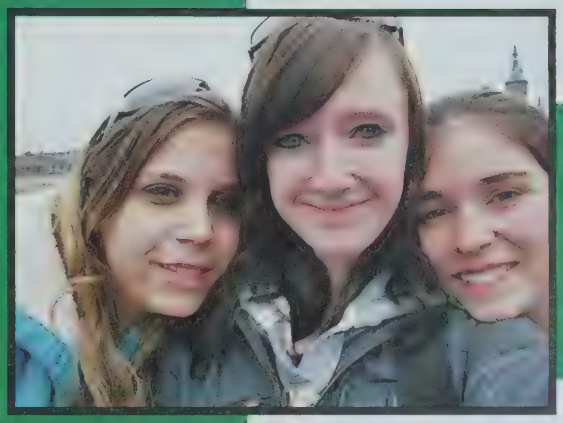












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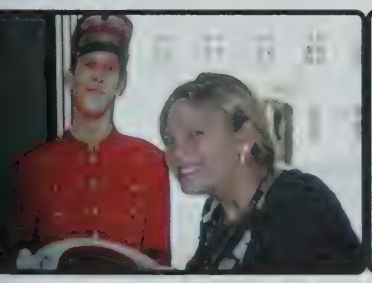

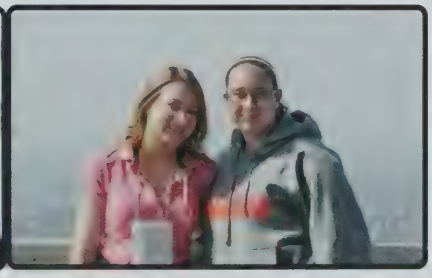

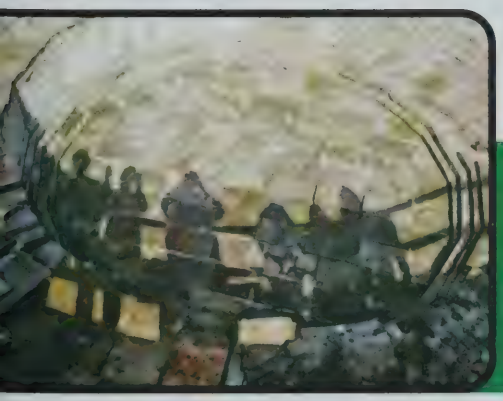

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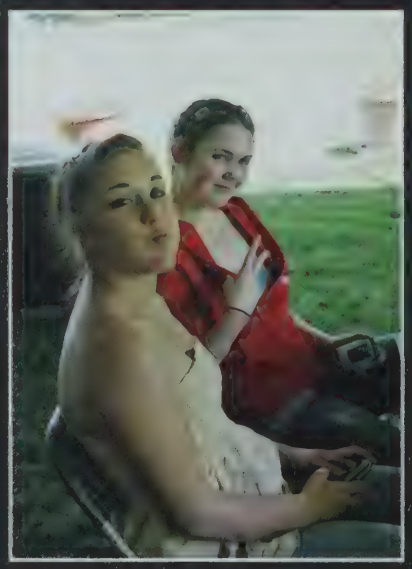

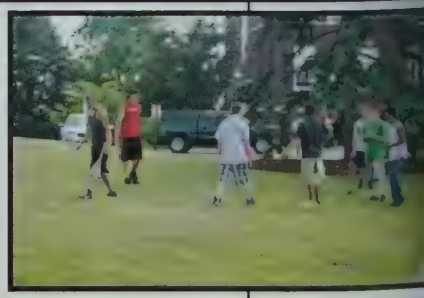

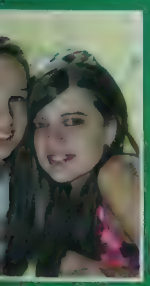
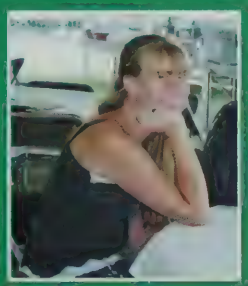

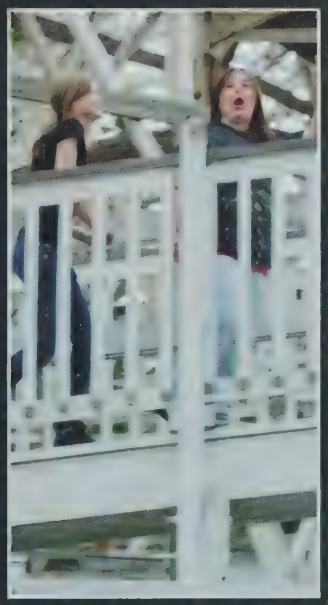

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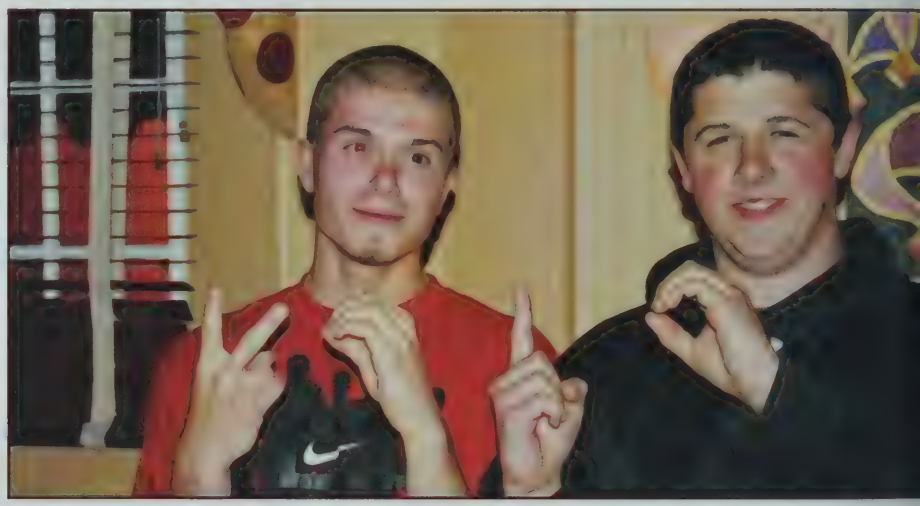

A Night Under the Lights

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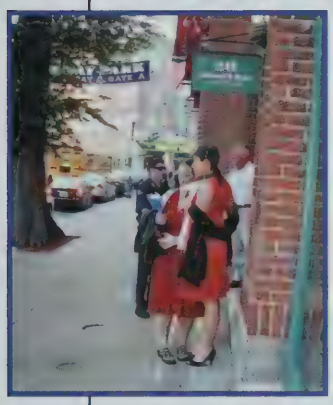

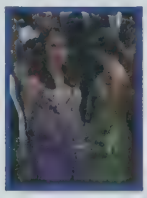

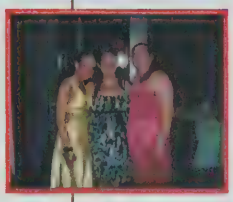

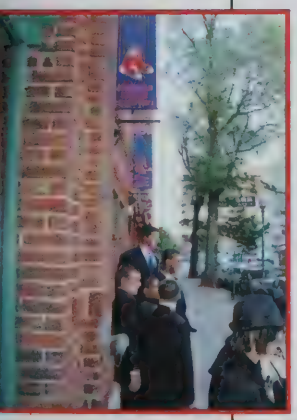

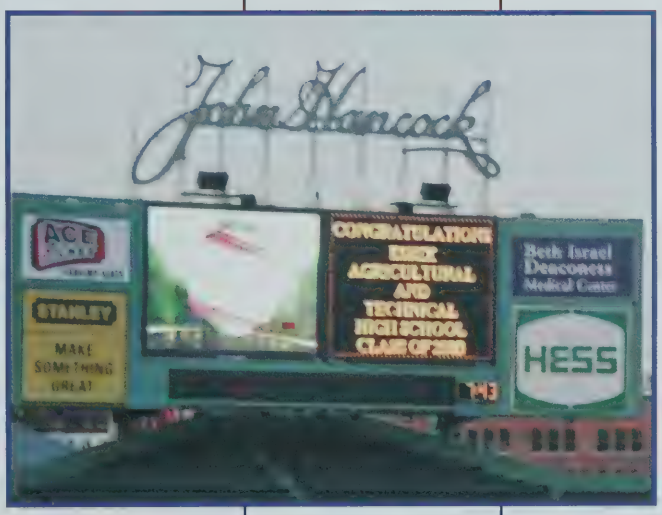

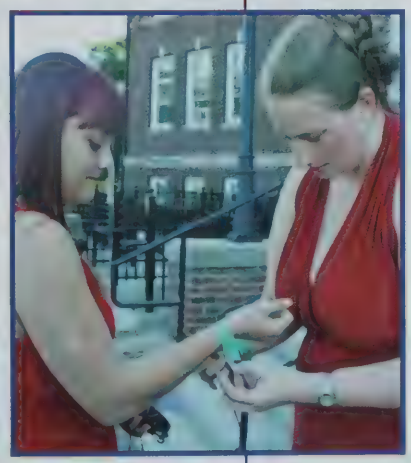

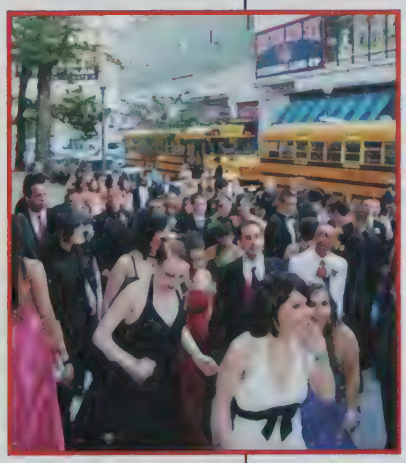

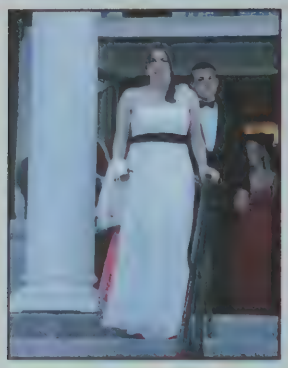
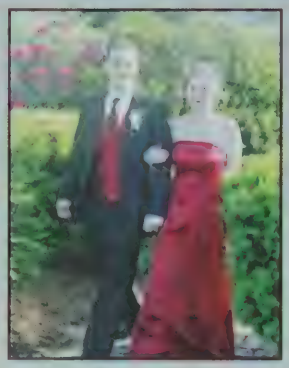
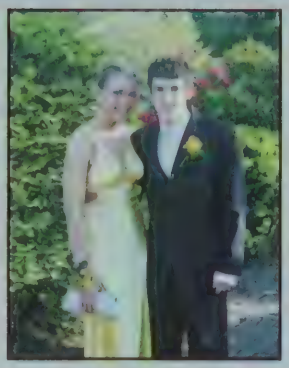
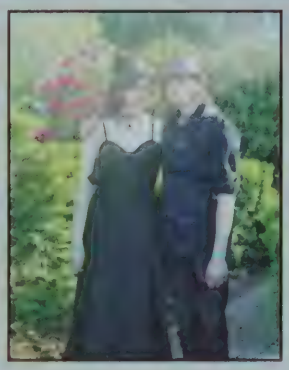
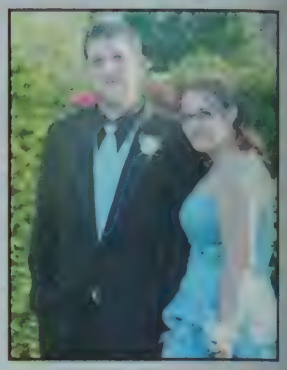

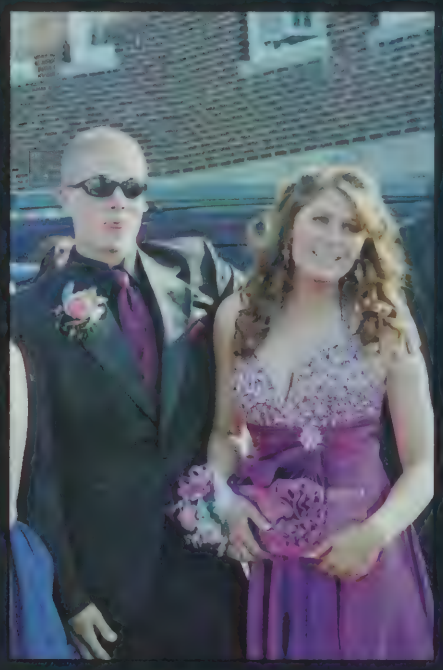

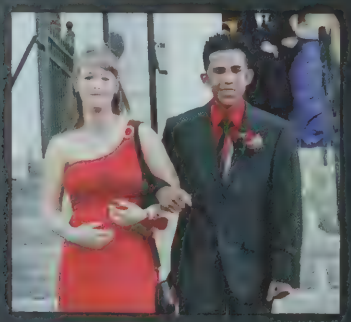
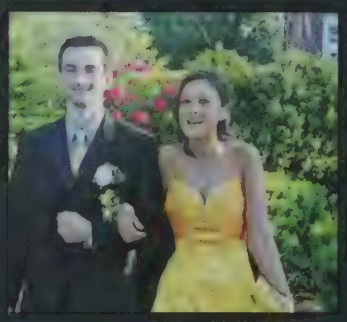

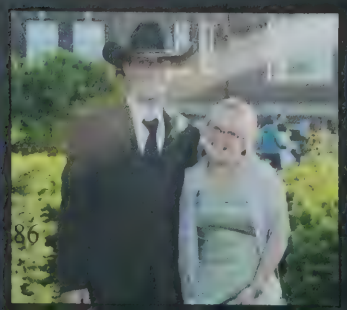
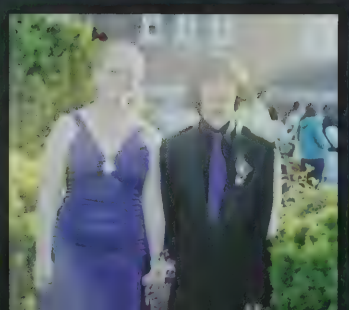

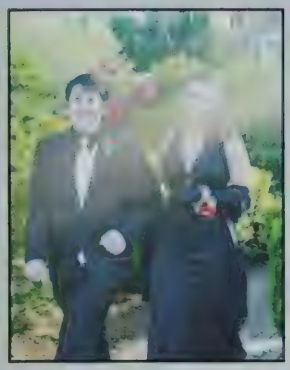
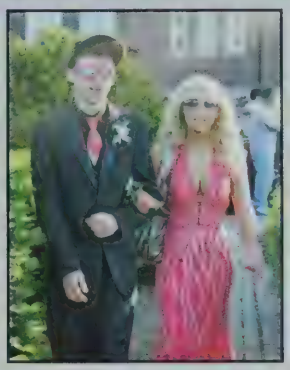
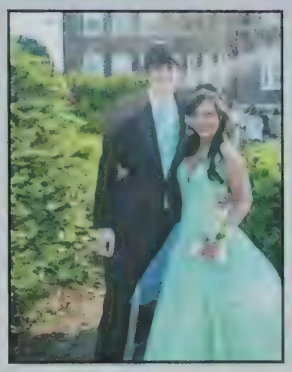
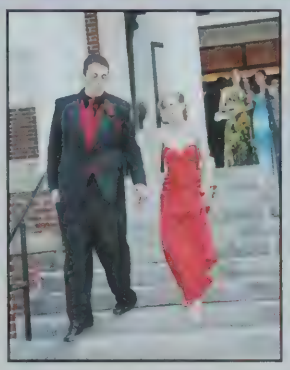

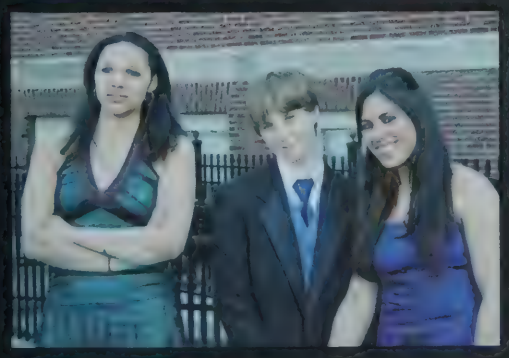
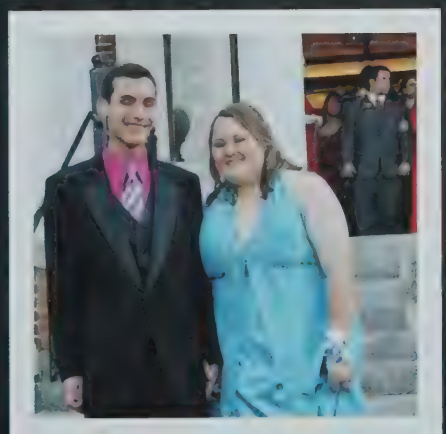
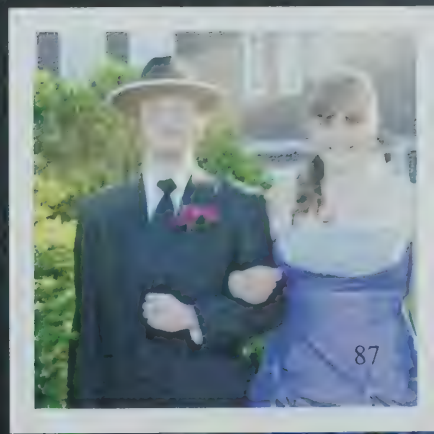

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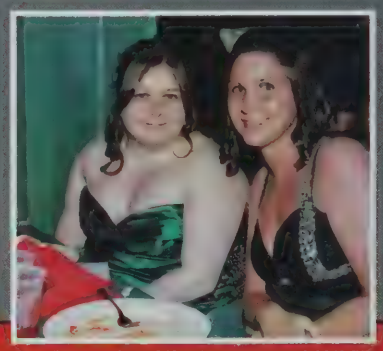

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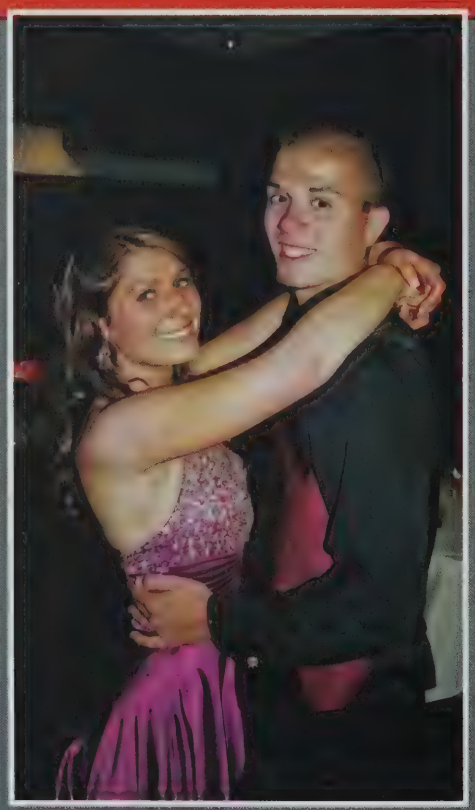

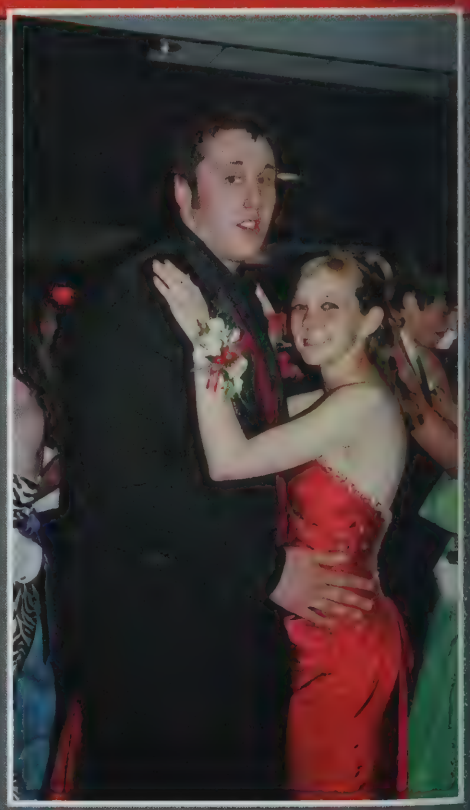

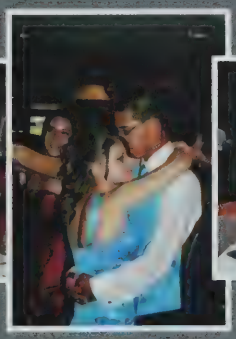

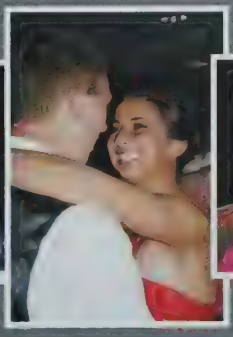

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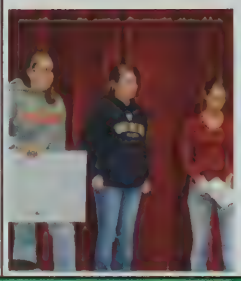

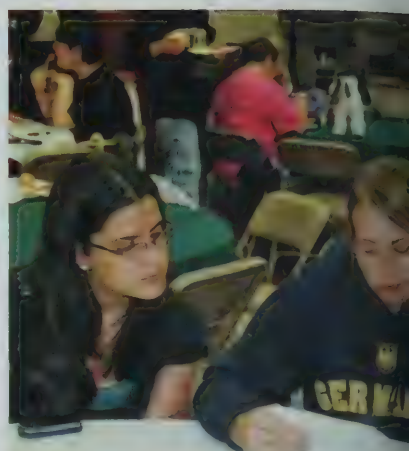

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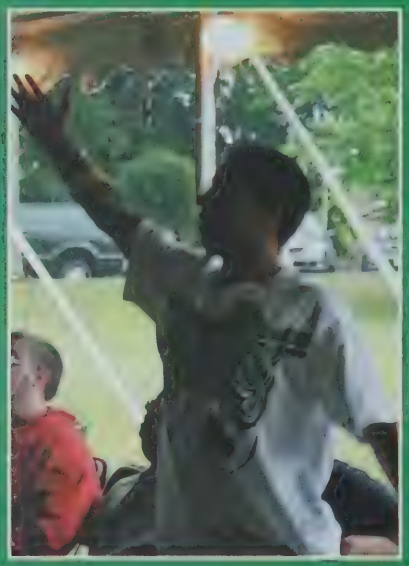

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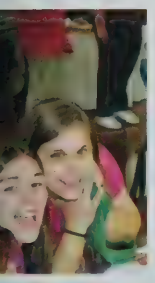

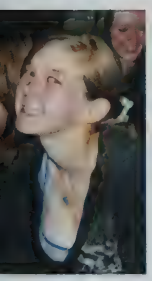

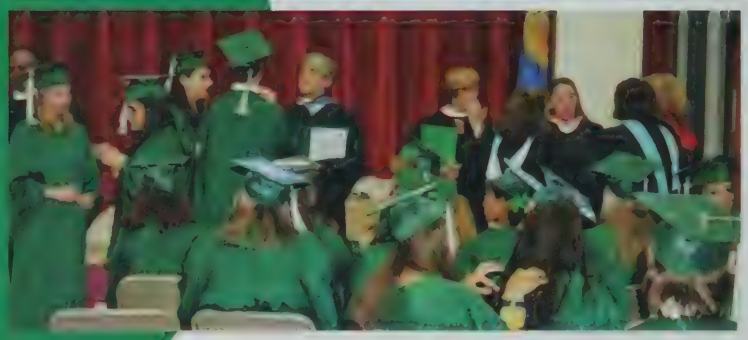

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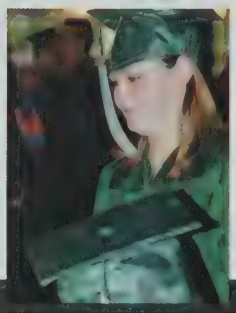
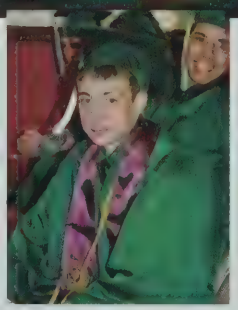
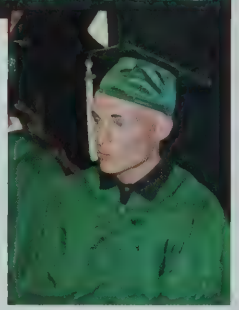
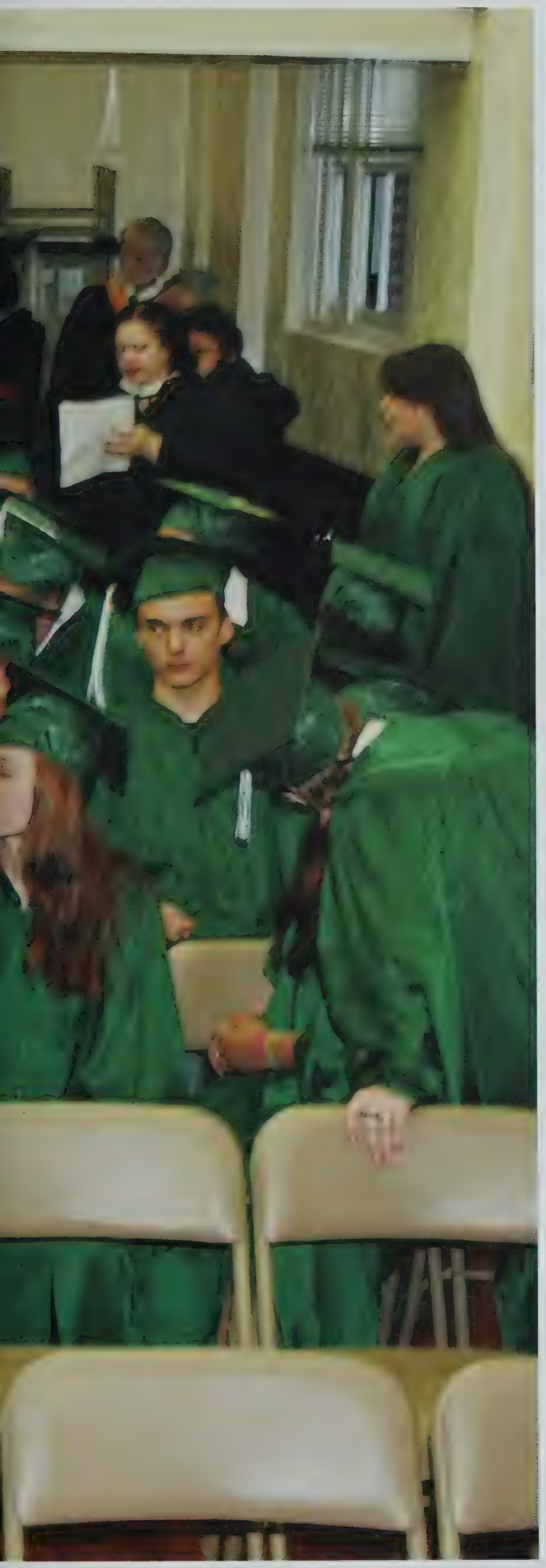
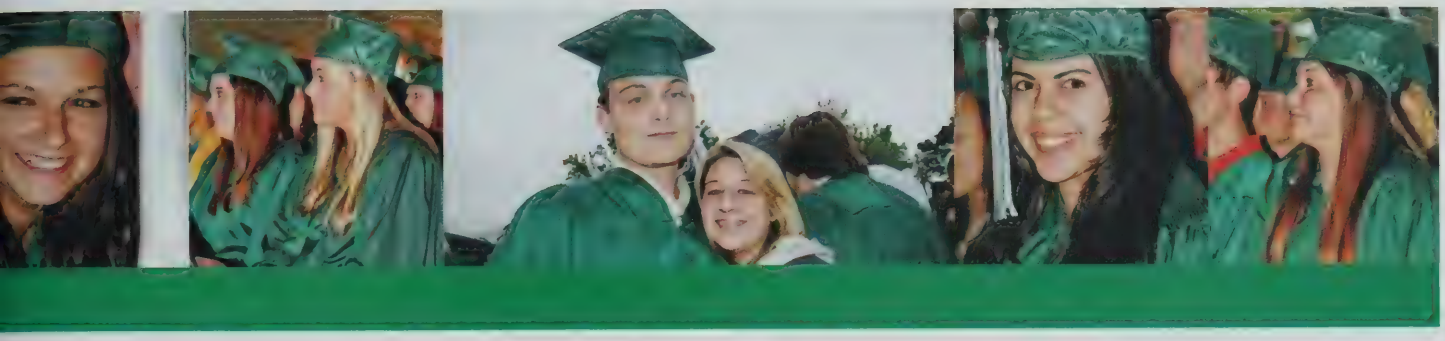


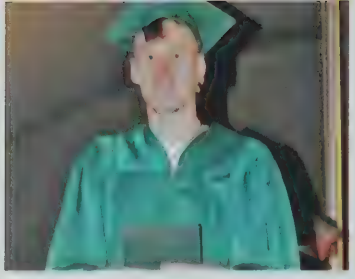






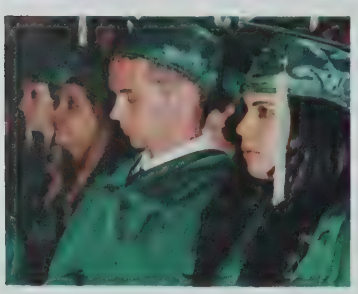
"Any moron can give advice and preach wisdom. Any sheep can follow that moron's words. A truly wise person advises himself or herself with the wisdom they glean from themselves."





At the end of the ceremony. Dolan asked Demsey and Novakowski to lead the graduates "out of the tent and into your future."

Class of 2010



Marissa Lanouette

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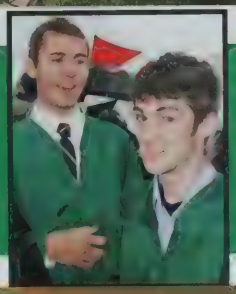

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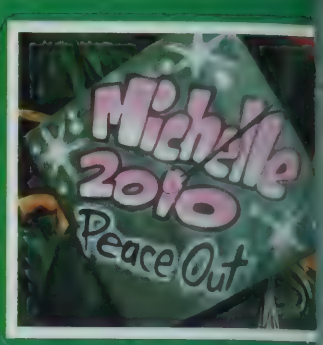
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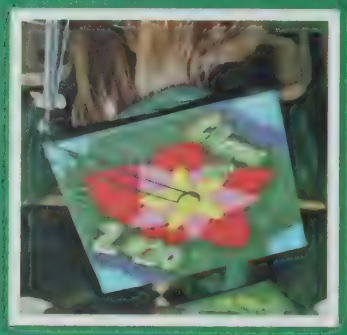

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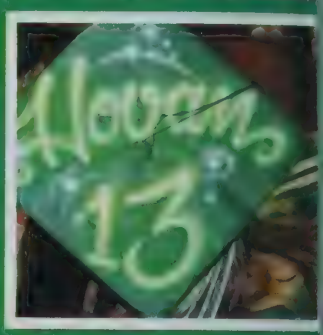
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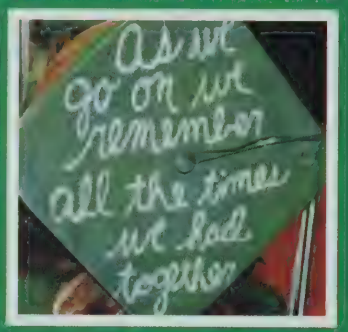
As we
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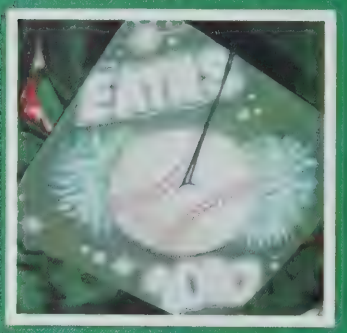

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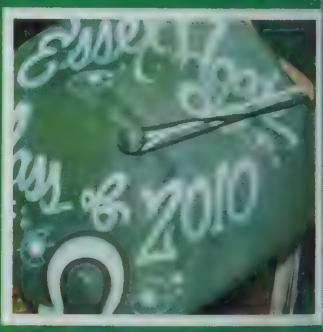
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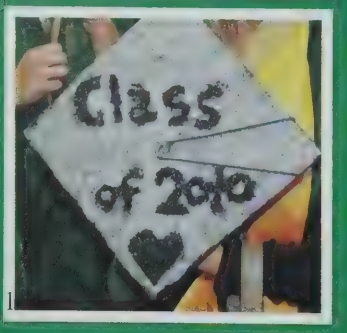
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HI
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Nikki
2010
"NEU"

Shaunte
VTRAM

In Memory of Mrs. Betsy Shafner

"A good teacher explains ... a superior teacher demonstrates ...
A GREAT teacher inspires."
~Unknown

....Thanks for inspiring us Mrs. Shafner

Dearest Hayley,
Congratulations on your graduation!
We are so proud of you!
Best wishes for a future full of
success and happiness!
We love you so much!!
~ Mom, Dad, Milo, Josh, Corey,
Tina, and Katie!!~

From the day you were born you were a shining star.
No doubt in my mind, you will go far.
Your dreams and your future are within your grasp.
Though not always easy, you're up to the task.
As always, I look at you and my heart swells with pride.
Step into the world, mind open, eyes wide.
You are loved with all that there is in the universe.

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"Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail"

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Congratulations Maria,
Your Dad and I are so proud of the
beautiful woman you have grown into

Don't ever let anything stand in the way
of your dreams.

Emily loves her big sister Maria.
Love always Mom, Dad, Emily, Jon and
family.

The Doctors and Staff of The Animal Hospital of Lynnfield would like to congratulate the graduating class of 2010. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors!

A special thank you to the fine faculty and staff at Essex Aggie for their dedication and inspiration to the students!

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"Let yourself re-graduate every four years. Celebrate what you have done. Admit what you are not doing. Think about what is important to you and make some changes. If you give yourself a chance to move on, you can do anything."
-Cathy Guisewite (comic strip artist)

Congratulations Owen! Love Mom & Dad

Julia
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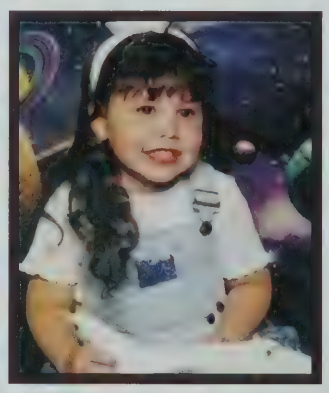

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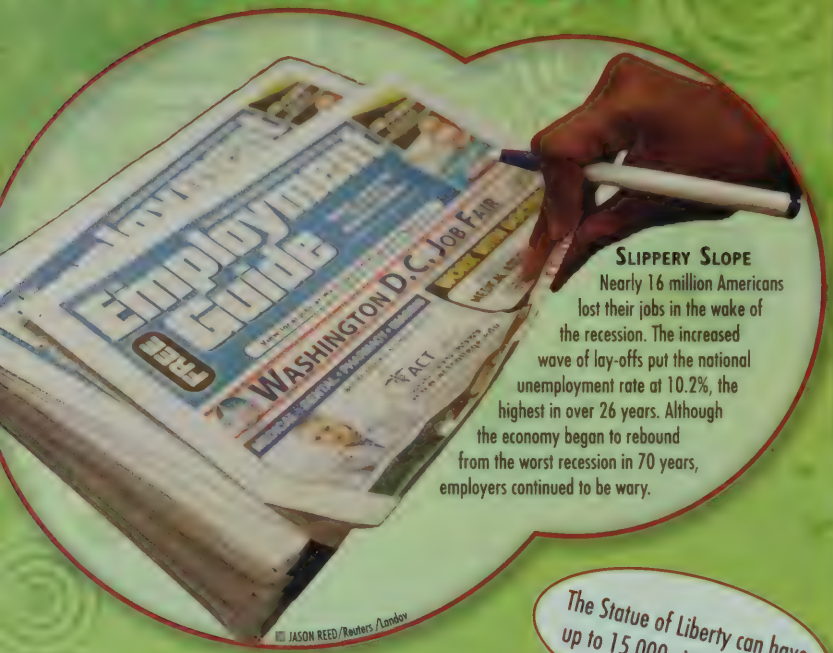

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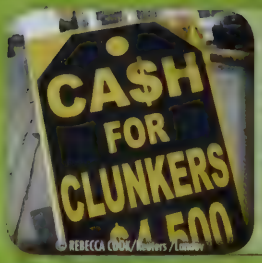
Slippery Slope

Nearly 16 million Americans lost their jobs in the wake of the recession. The increased wave of lay-offs put the national unemployment rate at 10.2%, the highest in over 26 years. Although the economy began to rebound from the worst recession in 70 years, employers continued to be wary.



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Clunkers Make Some Noise

For nearly a month in the summer of 2009 America was consumed by CARS (Car Allowance Rebate System), commonly known as Cash for Clunkers. The government program was designed to encourage drivers to trade-in old gas-guzzlers in favor of new, fuel-efficient vehicles. With an incentive of up to $4,500, the program was wildly successful and nearly 700,000 cars were traded in.

A Music Icon Remembered

Legendary performer Michael Jackson passed away suddenly at the age of 50. As news spread of his death, the internet suffered a significant slowdown as people worldwide conducted simultaneous searches. Jackson was also nominated for five American Music Awards in 2009, including Artist of the Year, after his music saw a tremendous surge in sales and airplay. As a final tribute, Sony Pictures released *This Is It*. The never-before-seen footage of Jackson rehearsing for his final 50 shows was a massive success, making millions.

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The Statue of Liberty can have up to 15,000 visitors per day.

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Nuclear Test

North Korea conducted a series of rocket and missile tests, including an underground nuclear bomb test in an attempt to lure the U.S. into talks to loosen sanctions. The international community was outraged, stating that the test was in clear violation of international law. In 2008, North Korea agreed to suspend its nuclear testing in exchange for economic stimulus, but the deal fell through after it removed inspectors from the country.

All a Buzz

Kavya Shivashankar, a 13 year old from Kansas, won the Scripps National Spelling Bee. A four-time competitor and aspiring neurosurgeon, Kavya won the trophy and more than $40,000 in cash and prizes with her correct spelling of "Laodicean"—meaning lukewarm or indifferent in religion or politics.

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Balloon Hoax

Millions watched as a large metallic balloon, said to be carrying a 6 year old boy, soared through the air in Colorado. When it landed and "balloon boy" Falcon Heene was not inside, the world was relieved to learn he had been hiding in the attic the entire time. Three days later, after a telling interview, the whole spectacle was deemed a hoax in the parents' pursuit of fame and fortune. The parents pled guilty to criminal charges and received jail time.

Liberty Reopens

On July 4th one of the nation's most recognizable symbols of freedom, the Statue of Liberty, reopened its crown to visitors. After the September 11th attacks, the monument was closed to all visitors until 2004 when the base and lower observation decks were reopened. Guests will be allowed to make the 168-stair climb to the top for the next two years, when the crown will close again for safety work.

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Catastrophic Quakes

The island nation of Haiti was struck by a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake so strong it could be felt nearly 200 miles away. The flattened capital city left millions seeking shelter and medical attention and Haitian government officials estimated over 111,000 people lost their lives. Humanitarian organizations such as the Red Cross set up aid and relief efforts while streamlining donations by allowing individuals to text message pledges. Within days, over $355 million in donations had been raised through the combined efforts of companies, charities and individuals.

Oprah Moves On

Popular syndicated talk show host and business tycoon, Oprah Winfrey, announced she would end *The Oprah Winfrey Show* in late summer 2011. The news came as a shock to fans that have elevated her status to nothing short of an icon since the show's inception in 1986. Early speculation indicates she may start a new show on her own Oprah Winfrey Network in 2011. Her show currently draws about 7 million viewers a day.

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Fort Hood Tragedy

On November 5, 2009, Fort Hood, America's largest military base, transformed from a place where soldiers prepare for war to an actual battlefield. Major Nidal Malik Hasan, a licensed military psychiatrist, opened fire in the processing center where soldiers report before deployment. Twelve soldiers and one civilian lost their lives, while 30 others were injured, including Hasan. In the past, Hasan had been openly critical about the war on terror.

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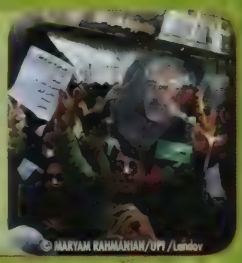
Iranian Election Protests

Iran's presidential election drew international attention when disputes over the winner sparked two weeks of protests. Reformist activists claimed Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's landslide win was a fraudulent mishandling of the ballots. The protests resulted in 20 fatalities, numerous arrests and trials for nearly 100 demonstrators facing charges such as attacking government property, violence toward security forces and creating panic in public.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H1N1 Flu Outbreak

In the spring of 2009, H1N1 emerged with the first reported cases in Mexico. The virus reached the United States in April and officials worried the flu would spread rapidly, causing a global pandemic and fear that the unpredictable flu virus could mutate into a more dangerous strain. In the fall, President Obama declared a national emergency, enabling the government to provide more aid to the states. In the U.S. alone, millions of people were infected and thousands lost their lives. When a vaccine became available in the fall, thousands flooded phone lines and clinics around the country, as the demand greatly outnumbered the first supply.

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Sonia Supreme

With a vote of 68-31, Sonia Sotomayor became the first Hispanic person to become a Supreme Court Justice and just the third woman of all time. Sotomayor was appointed to the Supreme Court with 17 years of federal experience, having tried over 3,600 cases.

Toyota Troubles

Automobile giant, Toyota, recalled eight of its models after learning of a problem with its acceleration mechanisms that caused some gas pedals to stick and vehicles to accelerate without warning. Though the company said the problem is "rare and infrequent" it decided to recall about 4.2 million vehicles worldwide and brought U.S. sales and production to a halt. The company tried to remedy the situation and ease the nerves of uncertain drivers by sending new parts to dealers to fix the faulty pedals.

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Health Care Hurdles

In groundbreaking sessions of Congress, both the House and Senate passed bills for health care reform after months of debate. The next step was to merge the nearly $1 trillion proposed plans for a final vote. If passed, the bill would become the largest federal health care expansion in forty years since the introduction of Medicare and Medicaid. The goal of the bill is to bring extended insurance coverage to an additional 30 million Americans.

Ares Blasts Off

Forty years after putting the first men on the moon, NASA is once again elevating its space program with the new Ares 1-X Rocket. The streamline rocket's simpler design is cheaper and up to 10 times safer than its shuttle predecessors. Despite a successful first test in late October, officials say that the 1-X may not carry astronauts until 2017.

TIME Magazine's "Best Invention of the Year"

Surprise Prize

A surprise to many, the Norwegian Nobel Committee honored President Barack Obama with the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize, just eight months into his tenure. The committee explained it was Obama's "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples" that brought his name to the top of the nominees list. Upon learning the news, the president remarked that he was humbled by the decision.

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My Headlines

What were your favorite headlines of the year?

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Shifting Frontlines

President Obama announced the deployment of 30,000 additional American troops to Afghanistan starting in early 2010, bringing the total U.S. presence to about 100,000 troops. The intended strategy was to combat the growing momentum of the Taliban in the region and to provide training for Afghan security forces. Plans to begin withdrawing troops were set for 2011.

Dubai in the Sky

Marking a stunning architectural achievement, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai opened, becoming the tallest skyscraper in the world. The towering needle-shaped structure stretches nearly 2,700 feet into the air. The building has 160 stories which include apartments, office space and a hotel designed by Giorgio Armani. The eye-catching main attraction of a new shopping district, the Burj Khalifa reportedly cost $1.5 billion to build.

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Found 18 Years Later

The discovery of Jaycee Dugard 18 years after her disappearance renewed hope for families of missing children. When Dugard was 11 years old she was abducted by Philip Garrido while walking to her school bus. Jaycee was held captive in Garrido's backyard. Both Garrido and his wife face multiple charges, including kidnapping and false imprisonment. Jaycee has since reunited with her family.

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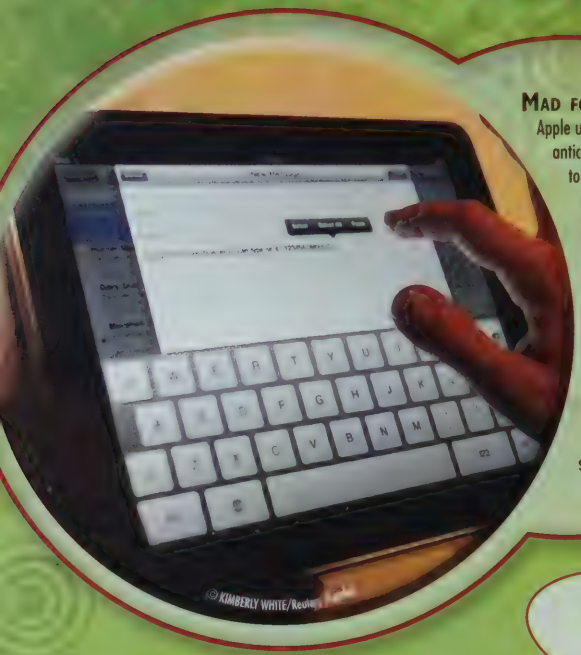
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Mad for iPad

Apple unveiled its highly anticipated iPad this year to mixed reviews. Many Apple devotees were excited about the tablet with its nearly 10-inch touch screen and 3G connection, while others were skeptical about the name and data plan. As part of the iPad, Apple also released the iBook, an application that allows users to see books on a shelf, change fonts, and touch the screen to turn pages.

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Goodbye Good Morning America

In a teary farewell, Diane Sawyer said "goodbye" to *Good Morning America* and "hello" to ABC's *World News*. After more than 10 years on the weekday morning show, Sawyer replaced the retiring Charles Gibson as the anchor of the nightly news program. Sawyer's replacement was George Stephanopoulos, former President Clinton staff member and moderator of *This Week* on ABC.

Fall of the Wall Remembered

Twenty years ago the Berlin Wall fell, marking the end of the Cold War and the divide between East and West Germany. To celebrate the anniversary, thousands of German citizens celebrated as 1,000 towers, all 8 feet tall, were toppled to symbolize the destruction of the dividing wall. The celebration was overseen by current German Chancellor Angela Merkel and former Russian leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who many hold responsible for reforming the former Soviet Union.

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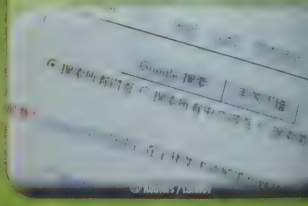
Frightening Flight

On Christmas Day 2009, a Nigerian man attempted to blow up a flight carrying nearly 300 passengers from Amsterdam to Detroit, Michigan. Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab had a bomb sewn into his undergarments and tried unsuccessfully to detonate the devices as the plane made its final descent. Stringent security precautions were put into effect and President Obama ordered a thorough review of safety regulations. Al Qaeda later claimed responsibility for the terrorist act.

Linking Languages

Historically, URLs have been constructed with Latin based characters like 1, 2, 3 and A, B, C. Now, after approval by the International Corporation for Assigned Names and Number (ICANN), domain names will appear with oth characters from Arabic and Chinese language The chairman of ICANN, Peter Dengate Thrus said, "The coming introduction of non-Latin characters represents the biggest technical change to the internet since it was created four decades ago."



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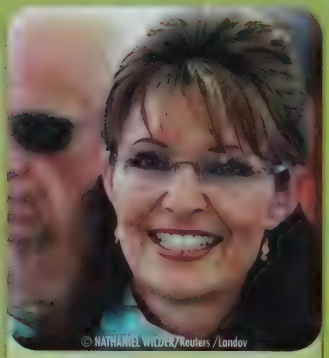
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Palin Resigns

Alaskan Governor and 2008 Republican Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin resigned from office, saying that Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell would "fight even harder" for Alaskans. Palin added that her decision was made to protect her family from further criticism and would also allow her to advocate for causes such as energy independence and national security. In January 2010, it was announced that Palin would join Fox News as a contributor.

Be Mine

Sweethearts®, the popular Valentine's Day treat, added a new phrase to its line of endearing candy love messages. Teaming up with the social-network, Twitter, the candy company started stamping "Tweet Me" on its heart-shaped candies. Sweethearts also plans to introduce a new iPhone app that would allow users to send electronic versions of the candy with personalized messages to friends' Twitter pages.

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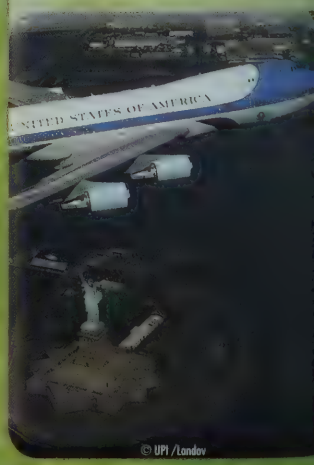
On Shaky Ground

The South American country of Chile was the target of an 8.8-magnitude earthquake that destroyed many villages in its path. The next day the same south-central region of the country was struck again by a tsunami that created waves over 18 feet high. Approximately 800 people lost their lives and the destruction between the two natural disasters brought widespread shortages in food.

NYC Flyover

Workers in Manhattan, New York were panicked as a Boeing 747 and an F-16 aircraft circled the Statue of Liberty, causing many to fear a repeat of the 9/11 attacks. It was later discovered that the planes were official government aircrafts conducting a photo shoot. The official who approved the fly-over later resigned.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Electronic Text Books

College students caught a break this year—with free text books. Flat World Knowledge allowed 40,000 students at over 400 colleges and universities to access their course materials online, for free, saving students nearly $3 million in the fall semester alone. With other options like print-on-demand and integrated audio and video, the company hopes to expand its offerings to other schools throughout the country.

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House Party Crashed

Virginia couple Tareq and Michaele Salahi, crashed the first state dinner held by the Obama's. Passing two security check-points, the couple mingled with Vice President Joe Biden and Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel before exiting two hours later. The breach of security caused a full investigation by the Secret Service. Months later, speculation turned to White House social secretary Desiree Rogers who was criticized for not keeping a checklist of attendees as they entered the event. Rogers later resigned.

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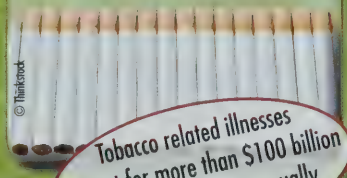
Google China

After a sophisticated cyber attack rooted in China, Google announced it would no longer censor search results on Google.cn, the Chinese version of the popular search engine. The Chinese government requires censorship of search results and websites to prevent security and state secrets from being jeopardized. China has the largest population of internet users in the world.

FDA Takes on Tobacco

The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act gave the FDA more power to control the tobacco industry. Under the new legislation, tobacco companies were no longer allowed to use words like "mild" or "low-tar" and were also prohibited from selling candy or fruit flavored cigarettes.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Tobacco related illnesses account for more than $100 billion in health care costs annually.

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Late Night Shuffle

After 17 years, *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno passed the torch to fellow NBC late-night personality, Conan O'Brien—but not for long. The *Tonight Show* lost millions of viewers and Leno's new self-titled primetime show was deemed a flop. Just seven months after giving O'Brien *The Tonight Show*, NBC reversed course, returning Leno to his former seat. As part of the deal, NBC agreed to pay Conan $33 million, with $12 million going to his staff in severance. O'Brien hosted his last show on January 22nd, while Leno returned to *The Tonight Show* on March 1st.

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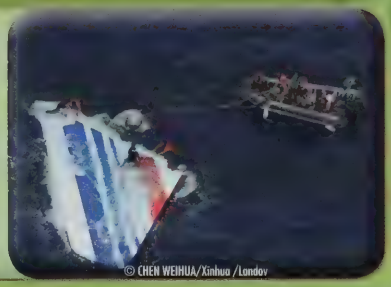
Air France

An Air France Airbus Flight AF 447 flying from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to Paris, France crashed into the Atlantic Ocean. None of the 228 people on board survived. Despite initial reports, the plane hit the water vertically, instead of breaking apart in mid-air. The crash was the worst in Air France's 75-year history.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Dangers of Fast Food

For two years, John Manley, a 50-year-old North Carolina man, complained of severe coughing, pneumonia, and vomiting. When doctors used a tiny camera to investigate his lungs they were shocked to find the cause—a piece of plastic. The plastic was removed and traced backed to a spoon from fast-food chain Wendy's after doctors recognized the eatery's logo.

The Next American Idol Judge

After eight seasons, *American Idol* judge Paula Abdul left the show. Emmy award-winning talk show host and comedian Ellen DeGeneres filled the seat and began judging duties when the show returned for its ninth season. Shortly after the show's return another *Idol* judge, Simon Cowell announced his intended split at the end of the season. It was reported that Cowell planned to develop a new talent show series based on the popular U.K. series, *The X Factor*.

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Pirates Hold Captain Captive

After five days of being held hostage on the dangerous seas off the coast of Somalia, Captain Richard Phillips was rescued from his pirate capturers. In a tired moment, the pirates let down their guards long enough for U.S. Navy SEAL marksmen to take their shots, ending the lives of all three pirates. Days earlier, Phillips offered himself as a captive to the pirates in order to prevent them from seizing his vessel, the Maersk Alabama, ultimately protecting his fellow crewmen.

Science & Discoveries

Aerodynamic Seeds

"Helicopter seeds," the seeds from maple trees, have provided hours of fun for children but researchers were stumped as to what made the seeds hover. A team of Dutch and American scientists discovered the answer. When a maple seed swirls, a tornado-like vortex lowers the air pressure around the seed, sucking the wings upward to oppose gravity — insects, bats, and hummingbirds employ the same technique.

In Hot Water

Ocean temperatures around the world measured 1 degree higher than normal between June and August, averaging 62.5°F, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. August saw the warmest temps on record since 1880, when record keeping began. Though climate change is listed as a factor, meteorologists say the warming is also due in part to a natural El Niño system. Ocean heat puts coral reefs in harm's way and also contributes to melting Arctic sea ice and hurricane strength.

A Farmer's Friend

Even plants have joined in the text-messaging craze. Through SmartCrop™ infrared thermometers planted in soil, plants can "tell" farmers when they are hot or thirsty. Most crops have an ideal temperature for growth and these thermometers allow farmers to be notified by text message if a plant has risen above the ideal temp.

Growth Spurt

The Bristlecone pine is the world's longest-lived tree, sustaining ages up to 4,800 years. Recently, researchers found that these ancient trees are growing at a much faster rate than ever before as evident by its widening rings. The growth is presumably due to the increase in temperature in their high-altitude climate over the past 50 years.

Solar Energy Makeover

Developers have found two ways to make solar power panels more appealing to the average homeowner. First, underground panels use fiber optic cables to capture and distribute sun energy, instead of heavy panels. The second option is to incorporate shingle-like solar panels that have a thin copper film covering to absorb light energy into the roof. The Powerhouse™ Solar Shingle is expected to be less expensive and easier to install than full-size panels.

Poo Power Payoff

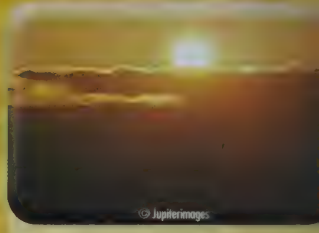
In response to rising energy costs year-after-year, Shawn Saylor turned to an unlikely renewable source to power his family's dairy farm. Using the manure from 600 cows, Saylor used a process known as anaerobic digestion to generate energy. Saylor explained that this method produces a savings of about $200,000 per year with the ability to sell left over energy back to the power company.

Tiny T-Rex

History's fearsome Tyrannosaurus Rex may have had miniature ancestors. A newly discovered ancient creature known as "Raptorex" closely resembles its massive relative, at only a fraction of the size. Experts report it may have weighed only 150 pounds compared to T-Rex's 13,000 pounds. Raptorex would have existed 60 million years before T-Rex, and despite its size, would have touted an extremely powerful bite.

Let's Go Fly a Kite

Scientists from the University of California and the Carnegie Institution have discovered a way to create sustainable energy — through kites. High-altitude winds contain a vast amount of energy. By releasing kite-like wind turbines miles above the planet and tethering them to the ground, researchers believe they could create enough energy to supply electricity worldwide.



Cooling Sun

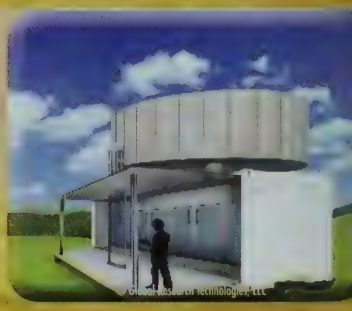
Scientists have discovered that the sun is at its dimmest in over 100 years. Typically, the sun undergoes 11-year cycles, culminating in the expulsion of solar flares and planet-sized debris. After 2008 the sun was expected to become increasingly hotter, but instead it was at a 50-year low for solar pressure and a 100-year low for sunspot activity. Although dimming of the sun has resulted in decreased temperatures in the past, the onset of global warming has likely counteracted this phenomenon.

Colossal Sea Monster

The fossilized skull of an ancient sea monster called a pliosaur was discovered along the Jurassic Coast of England. The skull — dating back 150 million years — measured nearly eight feet. Scientists believe the creature's full size was up to 52 feet long, making it the biggest pliosaur ever found. The dangerous sea predator could have eaten a T-Rex for breakfast!

Carbon Capture

Professor Klaus Lackner of Columbia University has created a "synthetic tree" able to capture destructive carbon dioxide 1,000 times better than real trees. When the wind blows through the "leaves", carbon is trapped and converted to a liquid form. One unit could remove up to a ton of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere a day — the equivalent of 20 cars.



Robots Can Swim!

Mechanical engineers Kamal Youcef-Toumi and Pablo Valdivia Y Alvarado of MIT designed robotic fish that can swim and maneuver just like real fish. They hope to one day use the robots to help patrol bodies of water such as lakes and rivers, looking for pollutants and inspecting underwater structures.

Now that's a Ring

NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope discovered the largest ring around the planet Saturn. The never-before-seen ring is so colossal that NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory estimates that it would take 1 billion earth-sized planets to fill it. Composed of dust and ice particles, the ring's temperature is approximately -316°F.

Super Natural Glue

The asparagus beetle attaches its eggs using what is said to be some of the strongest natural glue in the world. A study discovered the almost invisible eggs require a pull-off force of "8,650 times higher than the egg weight." It's not unusual for an insect to produce egg glue and this research could lead to the discovery of other natural bonding agents.

H_2O on the Moon

For the first time, water was discovered on the moon's surface. NASA announced its significant find after reviewing data from an intentional satellite crash it conducted in search of water. The data also revealed there were more than just droplets but rather "a dozen, two-gallon bucketfuls." Experts said the discovery will open the door to other space exploration opportunities, including the potential for a sustainable lunar space station.

My Discoveries

What were your favorite discoveries of the year?

Glow-in-the-dark Puppies?

Scientists in South Korea cloned a genetically engineered litter of pups, enabling them to glow red under ultraviolet light. The intention of the experiment was to prove that if fluorescent protein can be created though the modification of genetic code, there may be a way to fix genetic flaws in humans by similar innovations in genetic coding.

Mighty Mice

In a scientific breakthrough, two labs in China bred the first induced pluripotent stem cell (iPS) mice, meaning they were the first of their kind developed from adult stem cells, instead of the more controversial embryonic cells. Scientists reprogrammed the cells back to an embryonic state where they could again develop into actual mice. This discovery is strong evidence that iPS cells have the potential to be used for treating disease.

Autism Brain Discovery

To learn more about the causes of autism, researchers conducted a study of MRI brain scans of 50 toddlers. Preliminary findings showed that on average, an area in the brain called the amygdala is 13% larger in young children with autism. It is believed that these children are born with normal-sized brains but later in the first year the area begins to grow larger. Autism is a developmental condition affecting as many as 1 in 150 children.

Tech Topics

Awarded Educational Toy of the Year at the 2009 Australian Toy Hobby and Nursery Fair.

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What's the Word?

Social networking giant Facebook grew to more than 250 million users in 2009 and was valued at about $15 billion. With that many users it's no wonder the site has become a part of our daily language. This trend became even more evident when New Oxford American Dictionary and the American Dialect Society announced their "Word(s) of the Year". "Unfriend" was the first internet-inspired word to take the Oxford title while the American Dialect Society announced "Tweet" as its top word for the year and "Google" as "Word of the Decade".

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Darth Vader Arm

The Darth Vader robotic arm, the latest and greatest in *Star Wars* related toys and collectibles, is easy to assemble with 45 pieces that snap together. Though just a toy, this robotic limb has the power to grip, turn, extend and hold objects.

The Bladeless Fan

It's been 127 years since the standard electric fan was introduced and people have been pretty satisfied. Now, the Dyson company, well known for its innovative vacuum cleaners, introduced the first bladeless fan. The Air Multiplier pulls air through its base, which is then pushed through a hidden vent into the circular head of the fan to create an uninterrupted breeze.

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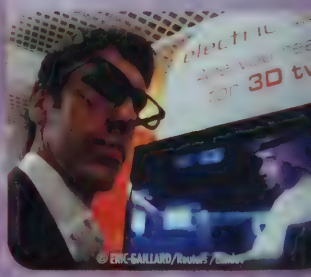
3-D TV

Riding a wave of popularity since the release of hit movies like *Up* and *Monsters vs. Aliens*, 3-D is coming to television. Manufacturers such as Sony, Panasonic, Mitsubishi, and JVC all reported working on 3-D televisions. In the future, viewers will have the option of watching programs in 3-D, utilizing special glasses to see the third dimension.

Disposable Timing Chips

After years of clunky timing devices and expensive lost chip fees, runners will benefit from disposable timing technology. Using radio frequency identification (RFID), race organizers can put an integrated tag on race bib numbers to accurately record time during competition. The cost effective design also allows runners to simply throw away the chip after racing.



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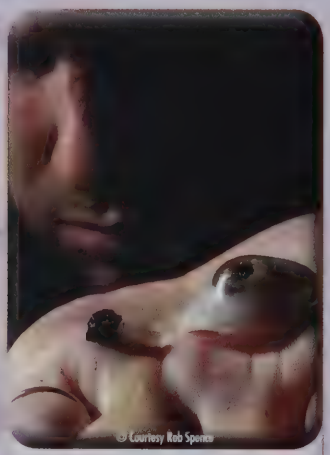

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Seeing Eyeborg

Canadian filmmaker Rob Spence has lived with permanent damage to his right eye since the age of 11. In his efforts to regain vision, Rob partnered with a camera provider in an attempt to replace his eye with a wireless, battery-powered video camera for what is being called the "Eyeborg" Project.

Twitter on the Mind

Millions share their thoughts, opinions and updates every day (or hour) using Twitter. But University of Wisconsin doctoral student Adam Wilson's research revealed a new use — establishing a form of communication for those with extensive paralysis. Wearing an electrode-covered cap, Wilson focused his attention on flashing letters on a computer screen while his brain activity was monitored to figure out which letter he wanted. In the end he was able to tweet 23 characters with his mind.

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Energy Saving Light

Philips Electronics introduced a new energy-efficient LED light bulb that uses just 10 watts (compared to 60 watts of the standard bulb) and generates the same amount of energy but lasts 25 times longer as its counterpart. The bulb may save as much electricity as is needed for 17.4 million households in a given year. Philips Electronics LED bulb was entered into the U.S. Department of Energy's L Prize competition and if it takes the prize, the company could be awarded $10 million in cash and federal contracts.

Beatles Rock Again

The Beatles rocked the music industry, re-releasing their famed anthology and launching their first ever video game. Decades after their last album was recorded, all 12 of The Beatles' studio albums were re-released in a new digitally re-mastered format. *The Beatles: Rock Band*, an experiential video game, features 45 of their hits and offers players an option to relive music history by playing through the tracks chronologically.

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Cyborg Beetles

Ripped from the pages of science fiction comes the government-funded cyborg beetle. Development began on a project that has scientists implanting miniature electrodes into beetles to enable them to control the insects' every move via remote control. Though still in testing, the high-tech critters could one day be used as military spies.

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Smart Thermostat

EnergyHub™ Dashboard was introduced addressing both the environmental and recession-minded concerns of today. The device wirelessly tracks your appliances and informs you of how much energy you are using. It also tells you how much your usage costs so you can make adjustments, conserve energy and pocket the savings.

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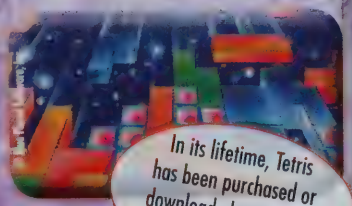
Reality Gaming

Video games got a dose of reality by taking their inspiration from the news. Games like *Hero on the Hudson*, *Swinefighter* and *Trillion Dollar Bailout* allowed users to be a part of the headline-making stories. The two-dimensional games, mostly developed for internet or cell phones, were simple, allowing creators to release them quickly after the actual events took place.

Tetris Turns 25

With an undeniable place in video game history, the popular puzzle game *Tetris* turned 25. A series of new features for a new generation were announced, such as *Tetris Acorn Drop*, a concept taken from the movie *Ice Age*.



In its lifetime, Tetris has been purchased or downloaded more than 125 million times.

Walk this Way

Before iPods became the "it" way to listen to music on the go, there was the Sony Walkman. Once the leader in music technology, the audio cassette player and radio turned 30 this year. The grandfather of personal music devices allowed users to take their favorite tunes anywhere, ultimately paving the way for the Discman, the MP3 player and the iPod.

Smart Phones get Smarter

The smartphone continued its rise in popularity as on-the-go technology evolved. From the popular Blackberry® series to the iPhone, smartphones offered everyone from business professionals and techies to senior citizens and even children hand-held access to the internet and continuous connectivity to the world. Additionally, 2009 was deemed "the year of the app" by many, with available applications surpassing 100,000 (and over 1 billion downloads) that can do just about anything imaginable — from efficient and practical to simple and fun.

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My Technology

What were your favorite gadgets of the year?

The New Face of Hollywood

Legendary filmmaker James Cameron reshaped the movie industry by helping develop the advanced camera technology used in his blockbuster hit Avatar. Cameron helped pioneer a lightweight, two-lens camera that can shoot dynamic live action footage in 3-D and a head-rig camera that accurately records facial expressions. The result is a stunningly realistic, digitally created movie that captures even the most obscure details on an actor's face. The computer generated characters, like those on Avatar's fictional planet of Pandora, appear more realistic than ever before.

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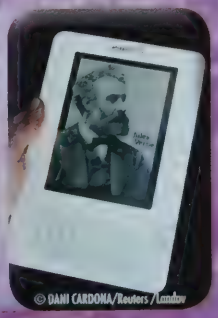
Dirty Work

A DustCart robot, reminiscent of Disney's *WALL-E*, recently took to the streets of Italy. The robot, which will be tested in cities around the world, responds to residents who place their trash and recyclables on the curb and call for pick up. It fills up its belly with unwanted waste, much the same as the traditional dump truck. Though not as efficient as a fleet of trucks, the DustCart monitors air pollutants and is much quieter, running on lithium ion batteries.

E-Book It!

The Amazon Kindle wireless e-book reader has been growing in popularity since its introduction nearly three years ago. During the holiday season, the mobile reading device boasted record performance becoming the most gifted item in Amazon's history selling more e-books than physical books for the first time ever. Proving a growing trend, Barnes and Noble, Inc. introduced its own electronic reader, nook™ which took the number two spot on TIME Magazine's Top Gadgets of 2009.



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Scoreboard

Mark Buehrle is the only active pitcher with two career no-hitters.

Pursuit of the Cup

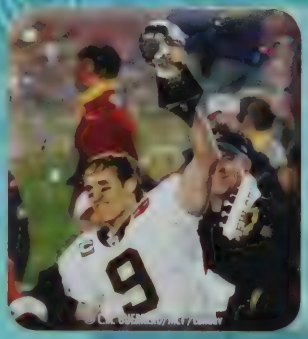
In a precursor to the World Cup next year, Brazil won the FIFA 2009 Confederations Cup held in South Africa. The Brazilians bounced back from a two-goal deficit late in the game to dramatically beat the U.S. It was the third tournament championship for Brazil and the 14th win of 15 games against the U.S.

Yankees Win 27th Title

The New York Yankees defeated the defending champion Philadelphia Phillies in game six of the World Series. The win marks the 27th World Series title for the Yankees, the most titles in all of sports, and the first win in their $1.5 billion new stadium. Hideki Matsui was named series MVP with a record-setting six RBIs in game six, while Andy Pettitte became the pitcher with the most wins in the post-season, claiming his 18th victory.

Buehrle Pitches Perfect

Chicago White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle tossed a gem of a game on July 23rd to become only the 18th player in history to pitch a perfect game. The feat came two seasons after he threw a no-hitter, which makes him just the 26th player to throw multiple no-hitters in his career.



Saints Go Marching

For the first time in its 43-year franchise history and its first appearance at the big game, the New Orleans Saints won the Super Bowl beating out the Indianapolis Colts. With a stunning defensive performance and unstoppable offensive drive that dominated three quarters, the Saints claimed its 31-17 victory. Later, team quarterback Drew Brees was honored as Most Valuable Player having tied the record for most completions in a Super Bowl, finishing with 32 completions out of 39 passes for 288 yards.

Champion Mom

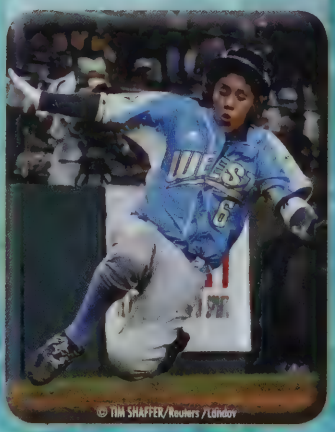
Kim Clijsters rejoined the world of tennis in grand fashion. After retiring from the sport in 2007 to start a family, Clijsters returned to win the US Open. By defeating Caroline Wozniacki in the finals, the Belgian tennis pro became the first unseeded woman ever to win the 2009 US Open; and the first mother to win a Grand Slam title since Evonne Goolagong Cawley at Wimbledon in 1980.

Little League World Series

In a suspenseful final game, California clinched the 5th straight Little League World Series title for the U.S. Fans, including Vice President Joe Biden, watched and cheered as the team fought their way back from a three-run deficit to defeat Taiwan 6-3. After the game, the team celebrated its win with class, inviting the Taiwan team to join them in their victory lap.

Victor-Ji!

Eun-Hee Ji, from Korea, won the US Women's Open. Going into the final round, Ji trailed American Cristie Kerr by two shots. With a double-bogey on the 10th hole, Ji's chance at victory looked slim. Kerr, however, had a disappointing final round, allowing Ji to come from behind, sinking a final 20-foot putt for the win.



Welcome, WPS

This year marked the inaugural season for the Women's Professional Soccer (WPS) league. The league consisted of seven teams scattered across the U.S. with two more teams set to join the league in the future. With a score of 1-0, the Sky Blue FC team from New York and New Jersey defeated the Los Angeles Sol to claim the first ever WPS Championship.

Golf Goes Global

From its birth in the Scottish countryside to the manicured greens of Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia, golf traditionally has been played by Europeans and Americans. In 2009, two players proved that golf has gone global. Angel Cabrera won The Masters Tournament to become the first Argentinean to wear the prized green jacket. Y.E. Yang defeated Tiger Woods, winning the PGA Championship and becoming the first Asian man to win a major title.

This was the Laker's 15th championship title.

Lakers Out Trick Magic

The Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Orlando Magic in game five of the NBA finals. Four-time NBA champion Kobe Bryant was the standout star of the series, leading his team to victory and claiming the title of Most Valuable Player.

Mercury Rising

The Phoenix Mercury defeated the Indiana Fever to win the WNBA championship. Fueled by stars Diana Taurasi and Cappie Pondexter, the Mercury prevailed in game five to take the title. Taurasi was honored with the series MVP award.

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Winter X Games

Snowboarding star Shaun White proved his resilience and talent at the annual Winter X Games in Aspen, Colorado. After taking a spill face-first on the halfpipe while practicing his newest and most dangerous stunt, White returned to take first in the Snowboard SuperPipe competition for the third straight year. White wasn't the only repeat winner — Ophelie David took home her fourth consecutive Women's Skier X title.

Fantastic Federer

Roger Federer cemented his place in tennis history by breaking the record for most major title wins. By winning the French Open, the Swiss tennis star tied Pete Sampras' historic record of 14 titles, while also completing his career Grand Slam. Federer went on to win Wimbledon for the sixth time, giving him his 15th major title. Sampras praised Federer by saying he was the greatest player ever.

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Penguins Win Stanley Cup

The Pittsburgh Penguins triumphed over defending champions, the Detroit Red Wings, in a nail-biting game seven of the Stanley Cup. Thanks to Penguin team member Max Talbot's two goals in the second period, the Penguins became the first team since 1971 to win game seven on the opposing team's home ice.

My Sports

What were your favorite sports highlights of the year?

2010 Winter Olympic Highlights

Many historic and memorable moments were witnessed over the 17 days of the 2010 Winter Olympics, held in Vancouver, Canada.

- In a highly-anticipated showdown between the U.S. and Canadian hockey teams, the home team claimed the gold medal in overtime, becoming the first host nation in 30 years to win a men's gold medal in hockey.
- Reigning women's figure skating world champion, Kim Yu-Na of South Korea delivered stunning performances that brought her gold and put her 23 points ahead of silver medalist Mao Asada of Japan. Taking the bronze was Canada's Joannie Rochette whose mother unexpectedly passed away just two days before the competition began.
- U.S. speed-skating star Apolo Ohno became the most decorated winter Olympian of all time with a career total of eight medals, winning three in Vancouver — two silver and one bronze.

Medal Count

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
United States	9	15	13
Germany	10	13	7
Canada	14	7	5

NASCAR Champ

Jimmie Johnson became the first driver in NASCAR history to win four consecutive Sprint Cup series titles, breaking the tie he previously held with Carl Yarborough. By finishing fifth in the final race of the season, Johnson earned enough points to secure the title. With 6,652 points on the year, Johnson beat out his next closest opponent by 141 points.

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Bolt Strikes Again

Deemed the "fastest man alive" during the 2008 Olympics, Jamaica's Usain Bolt continued to amaze at the World Championships. Not only did Bolt break his own world record in the 100-meter in a stunning 9.58 seconds, he went on to set a new record of 19.19 seconds for the 200-meter.

Horse Play

In front of a crowd of over 150,000 onlookers, Mine That Bird won the Kentucky Derby. The 50-1 long shot defied the odds to take the title, returning $103.20 on a $2 bet. Mine That Bird appeared on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* the following week.

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Chart Toppers

Swift is the youngest winner of the Entertainer of the Year award.

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Swift Steals the Show

The night belonged to Taylor Swift, 19, as she won all four Country Music Awards for which she was nominated. The singer won Album of the Year for *Fearless*, Video of the Year and Female Vocalist of the Year, beating out favorite Carrie Underwood. In her most impressive victory, Swift took home the trophy for Entertainer of the Year, making her the first female to win since 1999. Other winners included Darius Rucker for New Artist of the Year and Lady Antebellum for Vocal Group of the Year.

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Twilight Shines Bright

Now in its 10th year, the Teen Choice Awards recognized achievements in movies, television, music and more. Among the winners of the coveted surfboard trophies was *Twilight*, winning 11 out of 12 nominations, including Choice Movie Drama. The movie's stars, Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart also picked up top acting awards. In television, Chace Crawford and Leighton Meester won Choice Acting praise for their roles in the Choice TV Drama *Gossip Girl*. Jason Mraz and Taylor Swift both received Choice Music Artist awards.

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Emmy Awards

Despite repeat winners, the 61st Emmy Awards still had some surprises. *30 Rock* took home the statue for Outstanding Comedy Series for the third straight year, while *Mad Men* repeated as winner of Outstanding Drama Series. *The Amazing Race* won for Best Reality Competition for the seventh consecutive year. Unexpected winners included Kristen Chenoweth for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for the cancelled *Pushing Daisies* and Jon Cryer won Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series for *Two and a Half Men*.

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Beyoncé's Grammy Record

There's no doubt the night belonged to Beyoncé, who was nominated in 10 categories and won a female artist record of six trophies including Song Of The Year, Best Female Pop Vocal Performance, Best Female R&B Vocal Performance, Best Traditional R&B Vocal Performance, Best R&B Song, and Best Contemporary R&B Album. Taylor Swift was a close second with four wins including Best Female Country Vocal Performance, Best Country Song, Best Country Album and Album of the Year for *Fearless*. Among the nights most memorable moments was the appearance of Michael Jackson's kids, who accepted the Lifetime Achievement award on their father's behalf.

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Michael Makes History

The American Music Awards were a night filled with emotion and history making. Adding four awards to his resume (accepted by brother Jermaine, pictured above), Michael Jackson became the most awarded artist in AMA history. Jackson won Favorite Male Artist in both the Pop-Rock and Soul-R&B genres, while his *Number Ones* album took home the top spot in both categories as well. Taylor Swift was also a big winner, taking home five awards in total, including the top honor, Artist of the Year.

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Oscar's Big Night

Hollywood's biggest night belonged to a lesser-known movie titled *The Hurt Locker* which picked up six awards in all, including top nods for Best Director, Kathryn Bigelow and Best Picture. Bigelow was also the first woman to win the Best Directing award. In the acting categories, Sandra Bullock was honored as Best Actress for her role in *The Blind Side* and Jeff Bridges was named Best Actor for his part in *Crazy Heart*.

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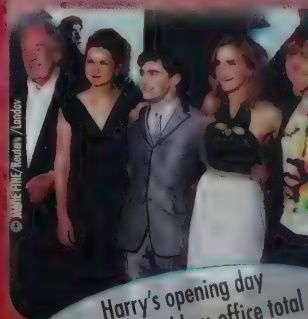
Moonman Madness

The stars turned out for the Video Music Awards and the night was full of memorable moments. Janet Jackson paid tribute to her brother Michael with a moving performance to open the show. Later, in a controversial move, Kanye West stormed the stage, interrupting Taylor Swift's acceptance speech for Best Female Video. Despite the distractions, Moonmen were still awarded. Beyoncé took home the prize for Video of the Year, Lady Gaga was named Best New Artist, and Green Day won Best Rock Video.

Harry's Midnight Millions

After two years, fans eagerly awaited the sixth installment in the Harry Potter series, which proved even more magical than the rest. The midnight showings of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* raked in $22.2 million at the box office, beating the previous record of $18.5 million held by *The Dark Knight*.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Harry's opening day international box-office total reached $104 million.

MTV Movie Awards

Teens ruled the big screen this year at the MTV Movie Awards. Kristen Stewart won Best Female Performance for her role in *Twilight*, while Zac Efron won Best Male Performance for his musical performance in *High School Musical 3*. The hit vampire love story *Twilight* won top honors as Best Movie.

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High School Cool

The Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards kicked off with its traditional hijinks when host Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson zip-lined over the audience in a stunning entrance. The evening's top honors went to *High School Musical 3* for Favorite Movie and its star Vanessa Hudgens won Favorite Movie Actress. Miley Cyrus won for Favorite Female Singer and *Twilight* was named Favorite Book.

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Juno Awards

Nickelback, nominated five times, took home three Junos for Group of the Year, Album of the Year, and the Fan Choice Award. Hip-hop artist Kardinal Offishall earned Best Rap Recording, while Alanis Morrisette won Best Pop Album. This year marked the 38th anniversary of the Canadian-based awards.

Decade Darlings

In celebration of a new decade, *Entertainment Weekly* published their list of top entertainers of the 2000s. Rounding out the top five were actor Johnny Depp noted for his work in *Pirates of the Caribbean;* 10-time Grammy winner Beyoncé; *Harry Potter* author J.K. Rowling; *American Idol* judge and entertainment mogul Simon Cowell and Emmy award-winning writer/actress Tina Fey.

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B.E.T Awards

The top stars of 2009 were out at the annual Black Entertainment Television Awards. Winners included Beyoncé for Best Female R&B Artist and Best Music Video for *Single Ladies;* Ne-yo won for Best Male R&B Artist; and MTV reality stars, Day 26 took home Best Group. Other wins included Best Actor, Will Smith; Best Actress, Taraji Henson; Best Male Athlete, LeBron James and Best Female Athlete, Serena Williams.

My Awards

What were your favorite award show moments of the year?

Top 5 in '09

Songs

1. *Boom Boom Pow* - Black Eyed Peas
2. *Poker Face* - Lady Gaga
3. *Just Dance* - Lady Gaga Featuring Colby O'Donis
4. *I Gotta Feeling* - Black Eyed Peas
5. *Love Story* - Taylor Swift

(According to Billboard Hot 100)

Movies

1. *Avatar* – $445,768,203
2. *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen* – $402,111,870
3. *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* – $301,959,197
4. *Up* – $293,004,164
5. *The Twilight Saga: New Moon* – $291,149,228

(According to Box Office Mojo)

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People Have Chosen

Fan favorites in film, television and music were awarded at the 36th annual People's Choice Awards. *Twilight* continued its triumphant award streak, picking up four awards including Favorite Movie, Favorite Franchise, Favorite On-Screen Team (awarded to Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart), as well as Favorite Breakout Movie Actor for Taylor Lautner. Johnny Depp was also honored with the Favorite Movie Actor for the Decade award for his film achievements over the past 10 years. Favorite TV Comedy Actor/Actress awards went to Steve Carell for *The Office* and Alyson Hannigan for *How I Met Your Mother*. Favorite Male/Female Artist went to Keith Urban and Taylor Swift respectively.

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ALMA Awards

Held during National Hispanic Heritage Month in September, the ALMA Awards handed out accolades to Latinos in the entertainment industry. Winners included Selena Gomez for Comedy Actress and David Archuleta for New Artist. Eva Longoria Parker and George Lopez hosted this year's festivities.

Avatar Strikes Gold

The 67th annual Golden Globe awards' top honors for Best Motion Picture – Drama went to the blockbuster hit *Avatar* while director James Cameron also won for Best Director. Top movie acting nods went to Sandra Bullock for her role in *The Blind Side* and Jeff Bridges for *Crazy Heart*. In the television categories it was *Mad Men* that took home the trophy for Best Television Series – Drama while *Glee* was presented with Best Television Series – Comedy or Musical.

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Latin Grammy Awards

The 10th Annual Latin Grammy Awards belonged to Calle 3. The hip-hop/alternative-reggae duo walked away with all five trophies they were nominated for including Record of the Year and Album of the Year, Best Urban Music Album, Best Alternative Song, and Best Short Form Music Video. Alternative rock also won big with Café Tacvba, Jaguares and Caetano Veloso receiving two awards each.

Say What?!

The odds of winning the lottery twice are nearly 1 in 50 trillion.

Daily Double

Sean Sanders, an unemployed mortgage worker played the odds and won ... twice! After winning $1,400 in the California Lottery, he checked his Mega Millions lottery ticket and realized he'd won an additional $141,519. Sanders reported that he plans to pay off his bills and invest what remains.

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Cupcake for the Cure

The world's largest cupcake record was crushed eight times over by a mammoth 1,224-pound triple vanilla cupcake containing an estimated 2 million calories. The pastry took over 12 hours to bake and included 800 eggs and 200 pounds each of sugar and flour. The cupcake was served to raise money for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure breast cancer organization.

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Skinny Scare

Despite being a popular fashion trend for years, skinny jeans could be causing nerve damage. Doctors reported seeing an increase of young women complaining of tingling or numbness in the upper legs, supposedly caused by the trendy pants. Diagnosed as a form of nerve damage, meralgia paresthetica is usually not permanent and the effects can be reversed by trading in the tight fitting jeans for a looser alternative.

Whatever!

In a survey conducted by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, "whatever" was found to be the most annoying word in America. With 47% of the vote, the popular word of disinterest beat out other phrases like "you know," "it is what it is," and "at the end of the day." "Whatever" gained popularity in the 1990s after its use as valley-girl slang in movies like *Clueless*.

Boy Hit by Meteorite

A 14 year old from Germany lived to tell his story after being struck by a meteorite traveling 30,000 mph. Explained as a massive fireball, the meteorite struck the boy's hand before hitting the ground. Though not seriously injured, the impact sent the child flying and left a three-inch scar on the boy's hand and a foot-long crater in the ground.

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Terrifying Toilet Tales

Japanese author Koji Suzuki, famous for horror stories like the one that inspired Hollywood movie, *The Ring*, created a story to be printed on rolls of toilet paper. The nine-chapter story is set in a public restroom and can be read in just a few minutes. At approximately three feet long, each roll contains several copies, each can be read in one sitting.

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Snuggie Chic

Perhaps not the most anticipated show of New York's exclusive Fashion Week but probably the most unique was for the Snuggie™. Shown to only 20 people in a hotel room, the popular blanket with arms unveiled its new collection in basic colors, as well as bold new animal prints and a Snuggie for dogs.

Fastest Texter

Kate Moore, 15, amazed onlookers as she won the title of National Texting Champion, beating out more than 250,000 participants to win the grand prize of $50,000. Moore, who averages 14,000 texts a month, completed the winning phrase "Zippity Dooo Dahh Zippity Ayy ... My oh MY, what a wonderful day! Plenty of sunshine Comin' my way ... ZippittyDooDahZippityAay! Wonderful feeling, Wonderful day!" with no errors in less than 60 seconds.

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Achieve the Impossible

Willa Chen, 17, accomplished what all college-bound teens consider impossible—acing the PSAT, SAT, and ACT college admissions tests. According to Chen, who is a senior, she did not study much for the tests but enjoys learning and plans to attend Princeton University after high school.

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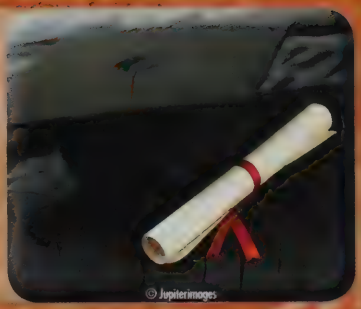
Cat Earns Diploma

Oreo has always been a smart cat but did she really earn a diploma? Better Business Bureau Georgia president and CEO, Kelvin Collins, enrolled his cat Oreo into Jefferson High School Online as part of an investigation into online diploma mills. After a test and $200 fee, Oreo was the proud recipient of her high school diploma, though Collins admits he may have helped her answer the questions.



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Cover Your Ears!

Competition reached a fever pitch at Thailand's Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum where contestants from around the world competed for the title of loudest scream. The winner, Russian Sergey Savelyev rang in at 116.8 decibels, just falling short of the Guinness World Record. Though he says he was "only getting warmed up," his winning shriek was roughly as loud as an ambulance siren.

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Little Fashionista

While most 13 year olds are consumed by algebra, Tavi Gevinson had a different focus—high fashion. The teenager from the suburbs of Chicago shot to fame when her blog, Style Rookie, was discovered by two big name designers. Soon she was seated in the exclusive front row at several New York Fashion Week shows, impressing the industry with her poise and sharp eye.

My Whatever

What were some of your other favorite stories of the year?

It's a Bird, it's a Plane

Japanese engineer Takuo Toda captured the Guinness World Record for longest flight by a paper airplane. The plane, measuring 10 cm long and crafted from a regular sheet of folded paper stayed in the air for an astonishing 27.9 seconds. Toda now has his eyes on an even greater prize—launching a paper airplane from space!

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Looking Good!

No ordinary doll, Barbie has held over 108 jobs including three runs at the presidency. This year the iconic children's toy celebrated her 50th birthday ... and looks better than ever! Since her introduction in 1959, over one billion Barbie dolls have been sold worldwide with no signs of stopping—100 million dolls were sold in the past year alone.

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Americans eat an estimated 20 billion hot dogs each year. That's nearly 70 hot dogs per person!

Hot Dog Ace

After eating an astonishing 68 hot dogs in 10 minutes, Joey Chestnut retained his title in the annual Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog-Eating Contest, held at Coney Island in New York. Chestnut edged out long-time rival Takeru Kobayashi by three and a half franks to take the title for the third straight year.

Yes Captain!

A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit filed by a consumer claiming to have been deceived by the cereal, Cap'N Crunch. After learning that Crunchberries were not real fruit and indeed sugar, the consumer sued, seeking damages for false nutritional messaging.

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Lost and Found

Sixty-three years after losing his wallet at a high school basketball game, Bill Fulton received a surprising knock on the door. Remarkably, his wallet, which still included his social security card, was returned after being recovered during the gym's renovation. Having sent his children through the same school, it's likely Bill came within feet of the missing wallet several times since its 1946 disappearance.

Zoom

Real Or Fake?

Can you believe it?! Determine if these stories are real or fake.

			REAL	FAKE
1		The average U.S. teenager sends and receives an estimated 500 text messages a month.		
2		Ashton Kutcher became the first person on Twitter to have one million followers.		
3		In the wake of Paula Abdul's departure from *American Idol*, Miley Cyrus took over judging duties on the popular singing competition.		

Our Class

Fill in the blank with your friends and classmates.

Best smile _____

Best laugh _____

Most unique _____

Most athletic _____

Most spirited _____

Class clown _____

Class flirt _____

Class gossip _____

Fastest texter _____

Clumsiest _____

Most dramatic _____

Most likely to become President _____

Most likely to get out of trouble by smiling _____

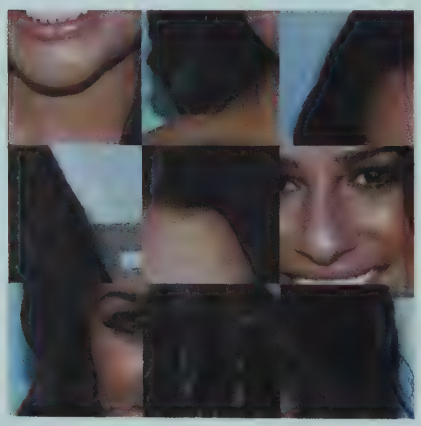
Most likely to stay up late doing homework _____

Most likely to capture everything on camera _____

Photo Scramble

Do you know who these famous faces belong to? The answers are inside Zoom!

Hint: This young star hit the Broadway stage at age 8 and now stars in a popular new musical-comedy TV series that won Best Television Series – Comedy or Musical at this year's Golden Globe Awards.



Who is she?

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Hint: This young country singer/songwriter swept the music award shows this year including the Video Music Awards, Country Music Awards and the American Music Awards.

Who is she?

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Hint: These stars of the night were honored at the Teen Choice Awards for sinking their teeth into their roles in the popular book-turned-movie *Twilight*.

Who are they?

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ANSWERS: Real or Fake?: 1) Fake, it's really 2,200! 2) Real 3) Fake, it's Ellen DeGeneres! | Photo Scramble: 1) Lea Michele 2) Taylor Swift 3) Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson

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